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Israel, PA on verge of closing Oslo 2 deal

IDF to remain in 15% of Hebron

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat resumed their marathon negotiations in Taba last night, as a timetable for releasing all Palestinian prisoners was one of the remaining stumbling blocks in a bid to conclude an agreement before Rosh Hashana eve.

Late last night, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said much progress had been made and they expected to initial the agreement by this morning.

Arafat and Peres have already negotiated for some 60 hours in Taba over the last eight days, but differences still remain. However, it was agreed last week that Israel will pull back from all but an estimated 15 percent of Hebron.

Arafat wants a timetable for the release of all the estimated 5,300 Palestinian prisoners being held by Israel, including a few hundred convicted of killing Israelis — a demand which Israel rejects.

Before talks with Peres last night, Arafat told reporters: "On this occasion, I want to wish your excellency a 'Shana Tova.' Please convey this to his excellency the

DAVID MAKOVSKY

prime minister, his excellency the president [Ezer Weizman], to our cousins the Jews, and the Israeli people."

Senior negotiator Ahmed Qreia, who collapsed during talks early Friday morning, returned to Taba yesterday and participated in the opening meeting with Arafat, Peres and Savir.

On Friday, senior Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met in Je-

rated from Palestinian extradition.

"The extradition of these wanted individuals will affect the work of the prisoners release committee," Shahal said after the meeting, which failed to resolve the issue.

Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator on prisoners, reportedly said Friday he understands that Israel wants to ensure that trials against Palestinians are open. This would prove that the court sessions are genuine and not a symbolic measure to avoid extraditing wanted terrorists to Israel.

The families of the Wadi Kelt murder victims have called on the government not to release any Palestinian prisoners until the PA turns over the perpetrators to Israel. The families are scheduled to meet today with Justice Minister David Liba'i.

In Taba Friday, Medine said another key question to be resolved is whether Israel has the right to demand the extradition of Palestinians from the so-called "Area B," the over 400 Arab villages where authority is divided, and where the Palestinians have civilian authority with police to enforce public order, but Israel has freedom of movement as part of its overriding security.

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Jerusalem. Israeli officials made clear they would release approximately 1,000 prisoners when the agreement is signed, and another 1,000 on the eve of Palestinian elections.

"We are not going to sign before we resolve the issue of the prisoners," Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu Medine said after yesterday's Palestinian Authority cabinet meeting.

At the same time, Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the prisoner release issue cannot be sepa-

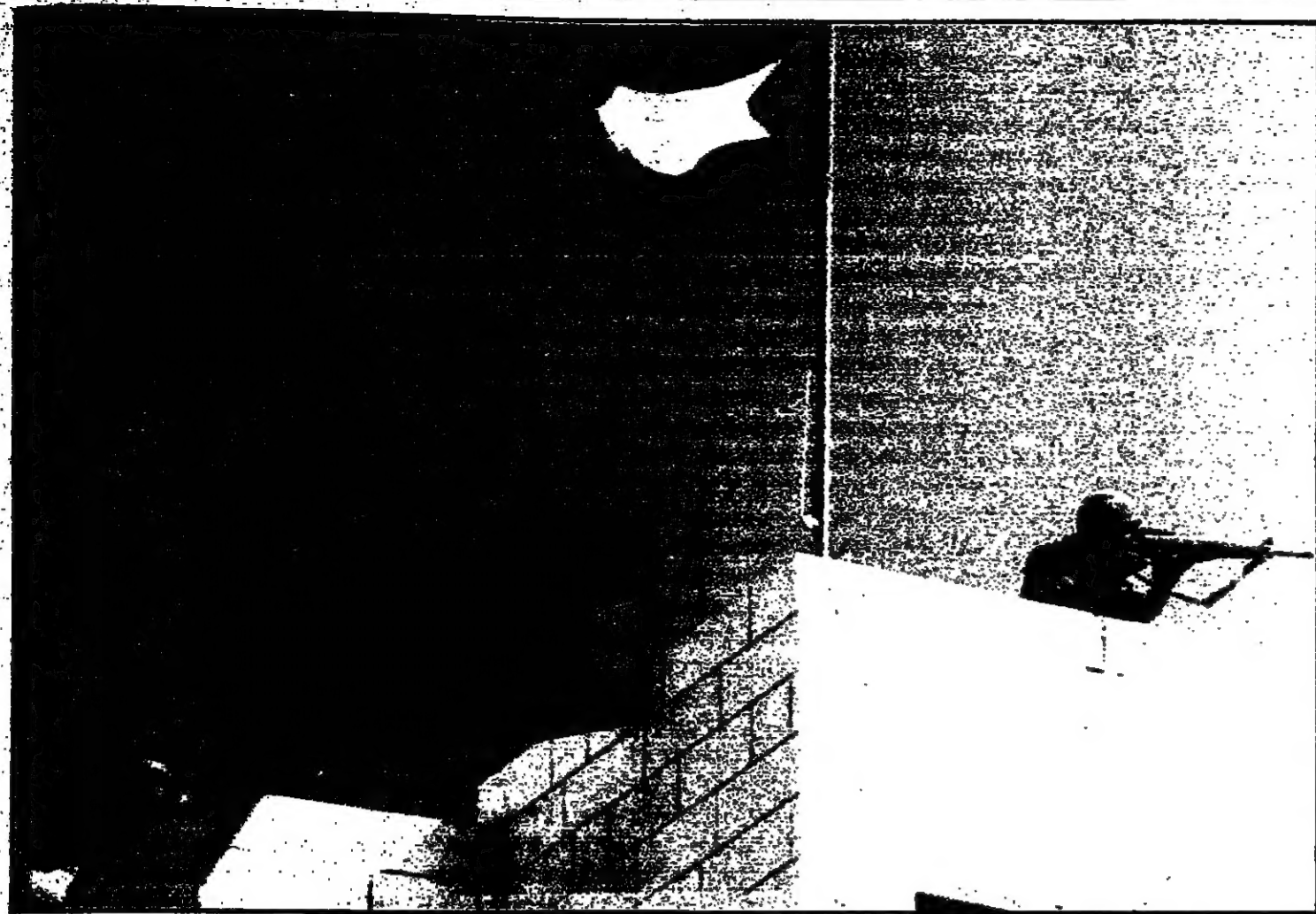
Brother of 'Engineer' arrested

SECURITY forces have arrested the brother of Yihya Ayyash, known as the "Engineer," who is suspected of masterminding a series of suicide bombings, Channel 2 reported last night.

Mari Latif Ayyash, 26, was arrested in his home in Rafat three days after his mother, Aysheh, was

taken into custody, Channel 2 reported.

Ayyash was being held in a prison in Rafat, where he was brought against him. Ayyash's mother is being held at the Russian Compound lock-up in Jerusalem. (Agencies)



IDF soldiers stand guard atop a Palestinian Authority building during riots in Hebron yesterday. (Story, Page 20) (Khaled Zighari)

Five killed on roads

FIVE people were killed in weekend road accidents.

Three members of a Jenin family were killed and three were seriously injured when their car collided with another car on the Jenin-Megiddo road.

Police said the license of the driver of the car that veered into the opposite lane had been suspended. The man, a resident of the North, suffered serious injuries in the head-on crash. The injured family was brought to the hospital in Nablus and Makkas Hospital in Jerusalem. The Israeli was brought to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula.

On the Karmiel-Tefen road,

Leonid Vinokurov, 40, of Acre, and Fred Genipolski, 40, of Moshav Shazar, were killed Friday morning when the truck in which they were traveling overturned.

Two people were moderately injured when their cars collided head-on at the entrance to Kfar Yotza on Friday. Near Oranit, a boy, 9, suffered serious injuries in an accident.

In Ofakim, a three-year-old girl sustained severe injuries when she was hit by a car while running across a street Thursday.

A total of 520 people were killed in road accidents from January 1 up until Friday, police said.

PM: Egyptian model of full withdrawal difficult to change

DAVID MAKOVSKY

It will be "very difficult" for Israel to break out of the Egyptian model when it comes to talks with Syria, since many world leaders believe the precedent has been set for Israel to obtain peace with its neighbors in return for withdrawing to the pre-1947 "international boundaries," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a candid, wide-ranging interview

with *The Jerusalem Post* (Excerpts, Page 7).

Noting Menachem Begin's full withdrawal from Sinai in return for peace, Rabin said this move made Begin one of the great prime ministers of Israel.

"While complementing Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for his 'bright' ideas, Rabin nonetheless

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Rosh Hashana begins tonight

JEWS around the world will usher in the year 5756 tonight, with Rosh Hashana beginning at sundown and lasting until Tuesday evening.

The closure of the Gaza Strip, imposed last week following intelligence information on possible attacks, will continue for the duration of Rosh Hashana, the army confirmed yesterday. A closure of the entire territories is

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expected to be implemented starting this morning.

The army and police have been placed on heightened alert both in the territories and within the Green Line, with special attention given to villages and towns along it. Police will also employ dogs specially trained to sniff and detect explosives.

According to a Geocartograph poll conducted for Channel 2's *Money* program, Israelis will have spent NIS 2.5 billion on food and gifts in the run-up for the holiday. The average family, according to the poll, will spend NIS 2,070 for food, clothing and gifts.

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Senate tightens rules on PLO

THE Senate on Thursday night tightened requirements that the PLO must fulfill in order to continue receiving US assistance.

The new rules are contained in a \$12.3 billion foreign assistance bill that the Senate passed overwhelmingly, 91-9.

The House in July passed its own bill, and the two bodies are scheduled to reconcile their bills on Wednesday.

US President Clinton must sign the bill into law by Saturday, when the US fiscal year ends. The \$12.3b. represents a 10 percent drop from this year's outlay.

Toby Dershowitz, a spokeswoman for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which lobbied for the aid and the PLO compliance legislation, said Fri-

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

day that "as Israel is poised to sign the interim agreement, Congress has sent it a strong message that it is supportive of the path it is taking and the role Israel is playing as an ally in the region."

The PLO-related amendments were introduced by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms to his own Middle East Peace Facilitation Act. All were adopted without debate, and call for the president to now certify four additional areas where the Palestinians are forthcoming:

• that the Palestinian Authority cease funding its offices in Jerusalem within six months;

• that the PLO provide the US with information on "US nationals known to have been held at any time by the PLO" or its factions;

• that no terrorist may become a member of the PA;

• and that the PLO Covenant be altered soon after the elections for the Palestinian council.

The second item appeared to be a reference to MIA Zacharia Baumel, whom Helms referred to on the floor as an American-Israeli soldier.

The revised MEPPA will remain in effect for one year. It had originally been drafted to last 18 months, but Helms said he con-

cluded with members of the House who preferred the law be revisited sooner.

The foreign aid aspect of the bill contains Israel's \$3b. in earmarked military and economic assistance, as well as more than \$2b. for Egypt. Israel will receive an additional \$80 million to resettle refugees from the former Soviet Union.

One amendment adopted will also provide \$100m. in military "drawdown," or surplus supplies, to Jordan, as a reward for having concluded peace with Israel.

The bill also stipulates that Israel will now be allowed to purchase military items from American companies at prices not to exceed what the Pentagon already pays.

'Hebron Jews must increase presence'

HERB KEINON

WITH the Oslo 2 accords a seemingly done deal, Kiryat Arba activist Yehoshua Shani said that what remains for the Right to do is to strengthen the existing Jewish presence in Hebron, and to "make it difficult" to implement the accords.

To this end, the Kiryat Arba Action Committee - of which Shani is one of the heads - called at an emergency meeting in Kiryat Arba last night for the country's residents to volunteer a day a month to come to the Hebron area and strengthen the Jewish presence there.

Volunteers were urged to come patrol the roads, and stake a presence on state land, holy sites and archaeological digs in the area.

Some 600 people met in Kiryat Arba's sports center where they heard the Action Committee's resolutions as well as encouragement from Likud MK Ariel Sharon, Kiryat Arba Regional Council head Zvi Katzover, Gaza Coast Regional Council head Zvi Hendel, and former Tchiya MK Eliahu Ha'etzi.

Sharon, while saying that the government's actions are illegal, called upon people to protect the agreements within the framework of the law.

He called on the community's activists to work together with mayors throughout the country and ensure that "a day does not pass without thousands of Jews visiting Hebron."

The action committee called on Israelis "not to obey terrorists in uniform, or Jewish police or soldiers working with them."

Item adds:
At a gathering in Gan Oranim last night attended by Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan and Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi, Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu announced that a Likud branch would open soon in Hebron that could be used by all the opposition parties.

Likud calls for special session on Oslo 2 deal before signing

HERB KEINON and Tim

THE Likud Knesset faction is calling for a special session of the Knesset this week to discuss details of the agreement reached in Taba.

Faction leader Moshe Katsav will present to Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss the signatures of 30 MKs that are necessary for such a session.

Katsav has accused Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of artificially dragging out the signing of the agreement. He said the government is having trouble raising the necessary majority needed to approve the agreement in the Knesset, so it is planning on pulling a fast one by having the agreement approved by the cabinet and holding the signing ceremony in the US, without bringing the agreement to the Knesset for approval.

Weiss said last night that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has promised to present the Oslo 2 agreement to the Knesset for approval before a signing ceremony in Washington, Israel Radio reported.

Labor Party secretary-general Nissan Zivli said over the weekend, that if party discipline was not imposed for the vote on Oslo 2, 65 MKs would vote in favor of the agreement, which includes what he believes is support by opposition MKs for IDF redeployment in the territories.

He said there are MKs from hardy parties who support the deal, but are liable to vote against it because of unrelated "anti-government" reasons, whereas some Likud MKs support it but are bound by party discipline.

Signing ceremony now set for Thursday

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration is hopeful that the marathon Taba talks will produce an agreement that could be brought to the Cabinet today and signed here in a ceremony on Thursday.

A senior US official said that "we obviously would have hoped a final agreement could be reached" in marathon talks that concluded Friday morning between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat.

"It's clear they have an agreement; it's a question of concluding an agreement," the official said.

The near-conclusion of a final pact on IDF redeployment and elections is at hand, he said, because the parties came to recognize that "what was on the table was the best they would get."

"I'm optimistic they'll reach an agreement at some point in the discussions that start [Saturday night]," he added.

APOLGY

Former Ambassador to Germany Yohanan Meroz is alive and well. The Jerusalem Post deeply regrets referring to him in Friday's Grapevine column as "the late Yohanan Meroz," and offers its sincere apologies for the embarrassing error.



Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak on Friday commends Cpl. Ofer Vaknin, who foiled an apparent attempt by Arabs to attack him and steal his weapon. (IDF Spokesman)

Yokne'am assailant's accomplice still at large

ALON PINKAS

IDF and police are still searching for the suspected accomplice to the attack on a soldier Thursday night near Yokne'am.

The man, who drove the car used in the attack, is believed to be hiding in Jenin. His accomplice stepped out of the car armed with a pistol and a knife at the Tishbi junction, where Cpl. Ofer Vaknin was shot.

Vaknin overcame the assailant and shot him in the leg, after suffering a stab wound to his head. The driver then sped away and fled on foot after crashing near Ramat Yishai.

Police concluded that the man, apparently unscathed from the car crash, managed to cross the

Green Line.

The interrogation of the assailant, hospitalized at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, led police to believe the attack was aimed at stealing Vaknin's weapon and not to kidnap him.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak awarded Vaknin a special citation on Friday for initiative and resourcefulness.

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Mandela campaigning for elections

BISHO (Reuters) — President Nelson Mandela visited towns and villages in eastern South Africa yesterday to woo voters for his ruling ANC a day after the Constitutional Court threw a November 1 local government poll into doubt.

The elections are the final move to replace former apartheid structures by a non-racial system following last year's national elections won by the African National Congress in which blacks voted for the first time.

Keeping his word that preparations would continue and the elections would go ahead as planned, Mandela told his supporters in the Eastern Cape province the election would extend democracy from the nation's capitals to its streets.

"Last year's election brought the democratic government to the nation and the provinces. By voting in the elections on November 1, every local community will get a voice."

"Through democratic local councils we can build a better life for our families and our communities where we live," he said.

On Friday the Constitutional Court upheld a challenge by the Western Cape province to proclamations issued by Mandela in a demarcation dispute and said a parliament session was needed to amend legislation covering local government structures.

The court ruled that parliament's decision earlier this year to delegate the regulation of election arrangements to the president was unconstitutional and gave legislators until Oc-

tober 25 to rectify the flaw.

Mandela told reporters on his plane he had acted in good faith when he issued proclamations on the dates and arrangements for the elections, but said he welcomed the courts ruling because it underlined the supremacy of the constitution.

"The issuing of proclamations was no short cut. We believed that parliament had given the president that power. Now the Constitutional Court has said we were wrong."

"We must follow the constitution scrupulously. One of our duties is to entrench a culture of respect for the judiciary and the constitution. I welcome the fact that the court has declared that even the president is not above the law," he said.

Bosnian PM: Serb-made mass grave found

ZAGREB — Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said yesterday that Bosnian forces had found a three-year-old mass grave with 540 bodies in it in territory recaptured a week ago from the Bosnian Serbs.

"Serb terrorists killed the Bosnians (Muslims) of the town of Kljuc and buried them in a mass grave — that is genocide," he told Reuters in an interview three days before a new round of peace talks in New York.

Silajdzic, speaking in the Croatian capital Zagreb, said the grave had been found on Thursday at Krasulje, a village 10 km from Kljuc in northwestern Bosnia.

He said the killings had probably taken place in the summer of 1992 — shortly after Serbs seized control of northern Bosnia and began expelling or imprisoning the Croat and Muslim minorities there at the start of the Bosnia crisis.

The Serbs have always denied allegations from the Bosnian government and Western news media and strong suspicions voiced by Western nations that they had massacred large numbers of non-Serbs, beginning at around that time.

Silajdzic, who arrived in Zagreb from northwestern Bosnia late on Friday, gave no further details.

"Our expert teams are working on that and I am sure they will make their findings public," he said.

The Kljuc area was captured mid-way through a joint offensive by Bosnian Croat, government and Croatian regular troops, who took 4,000 sq km over

12 days.

UN peacekeepers said yesterday that counter-attacks by Serb troops may now have wrested back some of the territory.

They confirmed Serb claims to have retained control of the towns of Mrkonjic Grad and Sanski Most which straddle important roads in the region around the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka.

"Our assessment is that the confrontation line remains stable but we believe the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) are mounting limited counter-attacks at the major population points along the line," UN spokesman Chris Vernon said in Sarajevo.

Croatian regular troops have broken off and withdrawn over the border into Croatia after warnings from the United Nations.

But Silajdzic said there would be no let-up by the mainly-Muslim government forces and he expected more fighting in the run-up to the peace talks.

President Bill Clinton said in his weekly radio address that Bosnia was closer to peace than at any other time in its four-year-old war, but warned that tough obstacles lay ahead.

"We will spare no effort to find a peaceful solution and we will work through NATO to implement a settlement once the parties reach it," he said.

But both Clinton and NATO's senior military commander in Europe, General George Joulwan, warned that the alliance would resume air strikes if Bosnian Serbs attacked UN safe havens.

(Agencies)

Time Warner-Turner deal challenged

NEW YORK (AP) — They called it the dream deal, but it took a nightmare of negotiations for Time Warner Inc. to reach its agreement to acquire Ted Turner's empire.

Turner, the industry maverick who created cable TV's crown jewel, CNN, will sell Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and become a team player.

The \$7.5 billion stock swap marks the industry's third proposed megamerge in two months

and would keep Time Warner a step ahead of the pack as the biggest in the business.

The reaffirmation that size and scope are the keys to success in the entertainment industry came in the same week in which AT and T Corp. decided to split in three because it had become too big.

But in entertainment, the catchword this summer has been bigger is better.

The Walt Disney Co. is buying Capital Cities/ABC Inc. for \$19

billion and Westinghouse Electric Corp. is acquiring CBS Inc. for \$5.4 billion.

Time Warner's move to remain No. 1 in the face of Disney's expansion also means it will be hard for American households to avoid one of the industry's giants when they seek news or entertainment.

That's where the latest plan ran into opposition, almost immediately after it was announced.

The Consumers Union said it

would ask federal regulators to block the Turner-Time Warner deal because it could mean higher cable prices and possibly prevent some cable programs from reaching viewers.

Meanwhile, Time Warner's telephone partner, U S West, sued to block the deal, claiming it would improperly compete with the Warner Bros. moviemaking and HBO cable services that the utility owns in partnership with Time Warner.

OSLO 2

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In the six Arab cities and parts of Hebron along with some adjacent clustering residential areas, the Palestinians will be in full control in what is known as "Area A."

At the start of last week's negotiations, Areas A and B totaled 27%, but there were unconfirmed reports this may have grown to about 40% of all of Judea and Samaria at the start of the interim autonomy period.

Also unclear is the date of Palestinian elections. While the hope was to hold elections before the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, at the end of January, IDF officials including OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Ilan Biran, have made clear that a pivotal bypass road around Hebron could not be completed until March.

The IDF therefore says it cannot pull out of much of the city until the bypass road is completed, while Arafat says he will not hold elections until the IDF pulls out of Hebron.

In a major concession made by Peres last week, it was agreed Israel will stay only in about 15% of Hebron in order to protect the Jewish neighborhoods, but will otherwise pull back from much of the city. Israel will also retain authority for the Machpelah Cave and the access roads to settlements.

"The moment the solution was found through the creation of a bypass road, there was no longer any reason for army presence in the heart of the city," Peres told Army Radio over the weekend.

Arafat presented the proposal on Hebron to his cabinet yesterday, telling reporters that the two sides essentially completed an agreement on the city.

According to the agreement, the Palestinians will be responsible for maintaining internal security and public order. A Palestinian source said 400 Palestinian policemen would be deployed in the city, of which three quarters would have handguns, but some may also have rifles.

Lamia Lahoud and Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

PEACE

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less said Israel should avoid talking about the "new Middle East" to Arabs, and thereby avoid their "paranoid" fear that Israel seeks regional economic domination.

Instead, Israel should seek pragmatic economic cooperation with the Arabs on a case by case basis, he said.

Rabin said a US plan whereby countries would commit to a so-called nuclear "cutoff" — freezing production of fissionable material for military purposes — is not "practical."

"I don't believe it is a practical idea, not because of Israel, but because of other countries," said Rabin, adding that Israel would support the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty assuming some conditions are met.

ROSH

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tens of thousands of kilos of apples, honey and pomegranates — NIS 422 on gifts, and NIS 565 for clothes and shoes. Some 20 percent of the population will spend NIS 2,000 or more on food alone.

Some 1,100 convicts will receive holiday furloughs for Rosh Hashana, including Carmela Bahbut, and the motorcycle bank robber, Ronni Leibovitz.

The next edition of The Jerusalem Post will appear on Wednesday, and will include The New York Times Week in Review.

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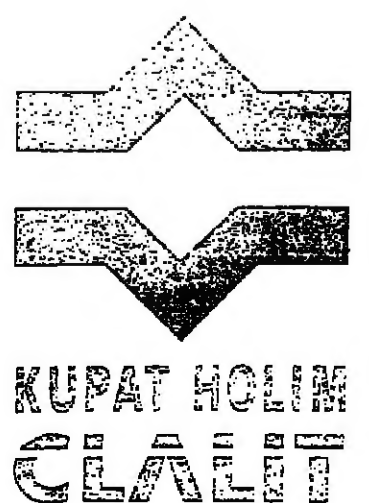
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EU leaders vow to strive for common currency

LEADERS of the European Union yesterday vowed to press ahead with plans for single currency by 1999 but made little progress toward the goal of widening the body's powers.

Closing out a two-day, informal seaside summit, they reaffirmed that the 1991 Treaty on European Union will continue to guide them to a common currency.

They ruled out toning down that treaty's minimum criteria for inflation, debts and unemployment that nations must meet before signing on to the as yet unnamed European currency.

The leaders made little headway in narrowing differences over expanding the EU's role or streamlining its cumbersome decision-making to keep the group governable when 15 or so nations join it over the next decade.

"This meeting was designed to recover a certain family spirit among ourselves," summit host and Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez told reporters after the meeting.

French President Jacques Chirac used the summit to explain his decision to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific — an issue that has soured relations between Paris and some of its partners, such as Sweden, Denmark and Austria.

Afterwards he brushed the matter aside, telling reporters: "We had a question posed by the Danish prime minister and a long and confused explanation by the Austrian chancellor who wanted to explain that he really had the greatest consideration for me."

The also pledged to help pay for former Yugoslavia's reconstruction.

Inside and outside the meeting, opponents of French nuclear testing reminded Chirac of their outrage with a "peace flotilla" at sea, a demonstration on dry land and the sharp questioning from his peers.

Wrapping up a two-day summit on the Mediterranean island of Majorca, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez told a news conference the informal meeting had been so useful there were likely to be others.

"We should repeat such meetings. We have seen far too many (formal ones) laden with tensions," the summit host told a news conference. He said they had worked hard to "overcome any temptation to wallow in Euro-pessimism."

The summit gave EU leaders a chance to enjoy a quiet chat about their 15-nation bloc's fu-

ture without haggling over a final communiqué. The informality extended to a bus ride from their secluded hotel to the press centre, an upmarket version of the island's typical tourist package.

The gathering was nonetheless dominated by turmoil over the EU's plans for a future single currency. Leaders emerged pledging not to add to or weaken the Maastricht Treaty's strict rules for taking part in such a currency.

Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini said recent weakness in the lira, which many blame on comments emanating from Germany that Italy will not make the

first wave into monetary union, would not affect its chances of returning to the EU's exchange rate mechanism this year or next.

But the meeting also allowed leaders time to discuss other pressing issues.

Gonzalez said most countries agreed the EU should share in the cost of rebuilding former Yugoslavia if and when a proper peace accord is signed.

"We are quite happy to come up with one-third," he said, adding that the rest should come from the United States and other countries.

The leaders also discussed the future enlargement of Europe to bring in countries from Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Next year's inter-governmental review of the Maastricht Treaty is designed to ensure that a body designed for six members in 1957

can continue to work effectively with nearly 30 members in the 21st century.

"We know that enlargement can only be (effective) once we put our own house in order," European Commission President Jacques Santer said.

France's Chirac, meanwhile, was reminded again of his partners and EU citizens' objections to his nuclear tests in the Pacific.

"The nuclear issue came up," Gonzalez said. "It was in a climate of great respect, I believe, but it did come up."

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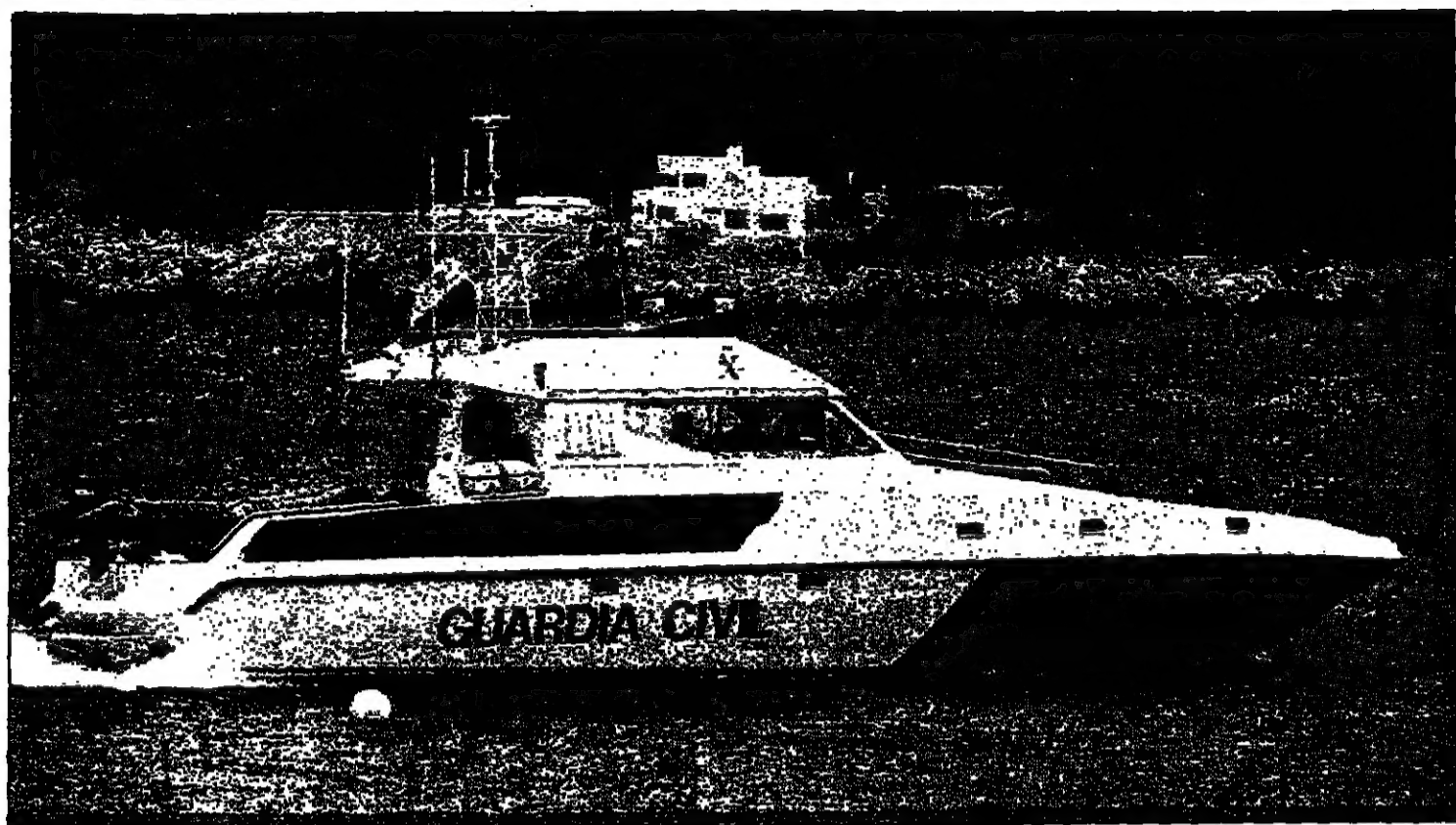
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A Spanish civil guard ship patrols the bay near the hotel where the two-day, informal EU summit is taking place.

(Reuters)

OJ trial reaches closing arguments

LOS ANGELES — Lawyers in the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial yesterday got down to the vital task of preparing closing arguments in a case that has riveted the nation's attention and provided an unprecedented television spectacular.

In behind-the-scenes activities that will neither be seen nor heard, prosecution and defense attorneys will prepare what could perhaps be the most important segment of the year-long marathon case.

In New York, the jury in the terrorism trial of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine other men began listening to a lengthy set of instructions on the law yesterday prior to beginning its deliberations.

The jury was not expected to begin sifting through hundreds of exhibits and recalling the testimony of more than 200 witnesses until later in the day, after hearing US District Judge Michael Mukasey read his 200-page legal road map.

In the Simpson trial, the closing arguments were set to begin on Tuesday, the anniversary of the start of the jury selection process on September 26, 1994, with lead prosecutor Marcia Clark extolling the jury to find the football legend guilty in the gruesome murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Clark was expected to tell the jury there was a "mountain of evidence" linking Simpson to the murders, including a trail of blood leading from outside Nicole Simpson's luxury condominium where the two were brutally stabbed to death on the night of July 12, 1994, to Simpson's mansion just three km away.

Simpson's lead defense attorney, Johnnie Cochran, was expected to counter the prosecution's attack by pointing to inconsistencies in the prosecution's approach, including the impeachment of key witness Mark Fuhrman, who testified to finding a bloody glove on Simpson's estate hours after the fatal attack.

Yesterday's behind-closed-doors activities will follow a day of high drama in court on Friday as Simpson was allowed to address the court, protesting his innocence while expressing the hope the trial would end soon.

Judge Lance Ito's decision to allow him to speak outside the presence of the jury was seen as "highly unusual" by legal analysts. Al DeBlanc, a criminal defense attorney and analyst for KTLA television, said it was the first time he had seen it in 21 years of practice.

Simpson, dressed in a dark business suit, stood before Ito and said, in a voice filled with emotion and tears welling in his eyes, "Good morning, your honor. As much as I would like to address some of the misrepresentation made about myself and my — and Nicole concerning our life together, I am mindful of the mood and stamina of this jury."

"I have confidence... that they will find as the record stands now that I did not, could not and would not have committed this crime."

"I have four kids, two kids I haven't seen in a year. They ask me every week, 'Dad, how much longer?' I want this trial over."

Johnnie Cochran asked Ito to dismiss the charges on the grounds the prosecution had failed to present sufficient evidence of guilt, a request Ito denied.

In the New York terror trial, the jury will use the lengthy judge's instructions to decide whether the defendants are guilty of plotting to bomb the United Nations, FBI headquarters in Manhattan, two tunnels and a bridge on a single day in 1993.

The 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane and a plot to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are also part of what prosecutors called a war of urban terrorism by Moslems in the US.

The February 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others also allegedly was part of a terrorism spree carried out by other group members.

(Agencies)

A graveside memorial service,
to mark the first anniversary of the passing of
our dearly beloved husband and nephew

DAN LANDAU

who died on the first night of Rosh Hashana 5755,
will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 1995 at 3:30 p.m.

Those who wish to attend are requested
to meet at the entrance to
Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem

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LEAH BECKER

has passed away in advanced age.
The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 24, 1995
(29 Elul, 5755), at 10:30 a.m.
Participants will gather at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot
Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

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With deep sorrow we announce the passing of
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(widow of Herbert ז"ל)

The funeral will take place today,
Sunday, September 24, 1995 (29 Elul 5722),
at 10:45 a.m. at Holon cemetery.
Participants will meet at the main gate.
Shiva at 23/1 Veizel Street, Tel Aviv.

Daughter: Gaby Grünes
Grandchildren: Ronit and Dudi
and all members of the family

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our dear

ELIAHU KINO

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 24, 1995
(29 Elul, 5755), at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.
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Ruth Gertrud Kino
Dorit Kino
Ruth and Richard Moos
and the family.

Physician hot on trail of Alzheimer's gene

A young Israeli doctor just eight years out of medical school has found the proverbial needle in a haystack: a single genetic error among 2,400 DNA base pairs found in one gene that causes Alzheimer's disease in an ethnic-German group living in the US.

Dr. Ephrat Levy-Lahad is returning to Jerusalem with her family-doctor husband and their two young children from three years at the University of Washington in Seattle after both turned down offers of well-paying jobs in the US.

But they have no reason for regrets. He will open Kupat Holim Chai's Shimon clinic at Kibbutz Tzora, and she will launch a new clinic for genetic diseases of the elderly at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. There, the internal-medicine specialist will be treating elderly patients while looking for a "Jewish" gene for Alzheimer's: those who know of her determination are sure that if there is one, Levy-Lahad will find it.

"I'll spend half my time on clinical work and half on research," Levy-Lahad says. "Any family with more than one case of Alzheimer's is invited to contact me."

She was born in California 34 years ago to an Israeli mathematician father on sabbatical and a librarian mother. Her English and her American accent are perfect, due to several long stays in Palo Alto, New Haven and Los Angeles during her formative years.

After serving in the IDF Intelligence Branch, she studied medicine at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and worked at Shaare Zedek's internal medicine department. Fascinated by genetics, she preferred to investigate diseases of the elderly rather than hereditary disorders in the young. Winning a fellowship, she decided on the University of Washington because its genetics department

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

would allow her to combine clinical work and research in genetics related to old age.

"It took three months of visiting the various labs just to decide what project I wanted to get involved in," says Levy-Lahad. She recently made a short visit to her Beit Hakerem apartment in preparation for when she and her family return to Jerusalem for good.

"I had little research experience and had to prove myself," she recalls. She chose the lab run by Dr. Gerard Schellenberg, "whose techniques I wanted to learn. The first year was quite a shock, as I was pretty much left on my own." The task was not made easier by the growing pressures on American researchers facing ever-deeper budget cuts ordered in Washington.

Levy-Lahad settled on her research target when Dr. Thomas Bird, a Washington University neurologist, mentioned that in the Eighties he had come across two families with several members suffering from Alzheimer's. Both said they came from Russia but were really Germans.

"The proverbial light bulb lit up in my head," she recalls.

Alzheimer's is a fatal, degenerative, neurological disorder that begins with symptoms such as memory loss and impaired judgment and eventually causes patients to lose all reasoning abilities and be unable to care for themselves.

She tracked down and began to examine members of this Volga-German group, and found they were descendants of farmers from the Hesse region of Germany who emigrated to Russia in the 1760s. Working the fields of Catherine the Great, they isolated themselves in the villages of Frank and Walter and, like Jews, did not intermarry with Russians.

They moved to the US at the turn of the 20th century to escape being drafted into the Russian army. Today, about 1 million

Americans claim descent from this group, but the Alzheimer's affected only those whose ancestors lived in the two villages.

Levy-Lahad was certain the common appearance of this group was due to a mutated gene in a single person many years ago, and she set out to look for it. She obtained blood samples from 140 Volga Germans. A third of them actually had Alzheimer's - the average age at onset was 58 - and others were spouses and children. "The mutant was so powerful that in families of 14 children, 11 had developed this type of dementia."

The lab work involved in searching for a gene can be very routine and repetitive, requiring a great deal of statistical work. DNA is removed from the white cells of the blood. "You have to test them for many genetic markers; these are 'junk DNA' [segments of DNA material which are not part of the genes and, thus, do not hand down traits]. You do this until you find one that tells you you're close to the actual gene."

The thousands of base pairs that make up a gene don't appear under a microscope; the researcher detects their makeup from chemical and other tests. Levy-Lahad did this work full time for 2½ years. When she was hot on the gene's trail, she was in the lab 16 or 17 hours every day. Discouraged by the endless trail, she received constant support and encouragement from her husband, Amnon, who was sure she would find the gene. And about two months ago, she did: a gene called STM-2 on Chromosome No. 1.

"I rejoiced for 10 minutes, and then I began to think of more experiments I had to do."

She wrote an article that was recently published in the prestigious journal *Science* and reaped the praise of the research community. Once the gene was identified, Levy-Lahad was able to tell any of the Volga-German community



Those who know of Dr. Levy-Lahad's determination are sure she will find a "Jewish" gene for Alzheimer's, if there is one. (Nissan Shorer)

whether they had the fatal gene, but many didn't want to know. "It's so powerful a defect that only one old man with the gene managed to reach the age of 89 and not come down with the disease. We believe there are environmental influences that determine at which age a person gets it." The gene can be detected in a fetus by amniocentesis, but, she stresses, "no one is testing fetuses to find out whether they'll develop Alzheimer's 60 or 70 years later."

STM-2 was the third gene to be identified as the cause of Alzheimer's. The first gene, on Chromosome No. 21, was found to cause the onset of the disease in people from the age of 50; this gene is extremely rare, and fewer than 10 families around the world are known to have it.

This year, another gene - on Chromosome No. 14 - was identified by Dr. Peter St. George-

Hyslop of the University of Toronto; this causes Alzheimer's in people in their 40s and 50s.

Most patients don't have any of these genes, but in all forms, the dying of the neurons in the brain appears to be the same. Because the STM-2 gene brings on the disease later, its discovery is expected to help scientists understand the molecular culprits and reach a cure.

"The better we understand the mechanism of the disease, the more likely we can develop medications and other treatments. Certain drugs may be more effective because of a specific genetic makeup," she notes. "If you can delay the onset of Alzheimer's for only five years, you can decrease the incidence by 50 percent, and that would in effect be a cure, because patients would die of other less traumatic and debilitating causes."

Straw hats do protect, after all

Rx FOR READERS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I have heard that straw hats, even if tightly woven, are no protection against the danger of UV rays of the sun, as they pass through the material. If this is so, what type of material is protective? B. & A. V., Herzliya.

Prof. Avraham Kuselevsky, an expert in radiation protection at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, replies:

A wide-brimmed straw hat whose fibers are densely woven and adequately thick will not transmit either UV-A or UV-B rays. The same thing goes for cloth. Any cloth that is loosely woven or thin will not protect adequately against the danger of the sun's rays: they may let as much as 50 or 60 percent of harmful UV rays pass through. Heavy cotton cloth, such as that used in jeans, doesn't allow any light to pass through.

There are some types of cloth specifically designed to let UV through, but these are very expensive and not used for ordinary clothing. UV-B is highly dangerous and exposure can lead to skin cancer. UV-A is much less harmful. Fortunately, UV-B rays don't easily penetrate densely woven cloth.

Although UV rays are invisible, you can get an indication of how protective a cloth or hat is by looking through it at the sun's rays (but not directly at the sun).

If you see no visible light, UV rays don't penetrate it. If you see diffuse light, some are getting through. If you clearly see the sun's rays, most of them are passing through.

There have been a lot of reports in the media, including international newsmagazines, about the benefits of melatonin for treating insomnia and preventing other ills. Is it available in Israel? S.T., Hadera.

Dr. Harold Zvi Fenton, a pharmaceutical expert and formerly in charge of licensing at the Health Ministry's pharmaceutical division, answers:

Melatonin is a natural hormone that has no nutritional value, but it is marketed here without a prescription as a food additive. It is sold in low dosage - three milligrams per pill - plus fiber and proteins. It's manufactured by KAL of California and brought into the country by Shay Importers. The price of a one- or two-month's supply is about NIS 70.

The clinical dose for treating

diseases caused by lack of melatonin is 20 times that of the pills. Clinical dose of the daily pill is 20 times as much. This hormone is considered very promising for various medical problems.

The American Medical Research Ltd. of Fairfax, Va., for example, is developing a contraceptive based on melatonin that combines with estrogens and prevents ovulation.

I'm 46 years old. I had an endocrine function test last year because of an early menopause. It was borderline, and my doctor gave me a Primoril tablet daily for 30 days to ease the discomfort. It helped a lot, but he said he doesn't want me to continue the tablet because I'm still young. Now I'm starting to suffer again. I wanted to take it again, but I'm afraid of the aftereffects. Is it true that taking this hormone tablet can cause cancer? Please help. I'm in agony. L.M., Givatayim.

Dr. Amnon Brzezinski, director of the menopause clinic in the department of gynecology, Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, answers:

Women usually are advised to start hormone replacement therapy (HRT) when menopause ends and estrogen levels fall.

However, menopause sometimes doesn't occur all at once, and there is a transition period of irregular bleeding and, with it, some symptoms of menopause.

If you are suffering from these, I would recommend HRT (Primoril is one of the brands). It is now clear that undergoing HRT for less than five years does not increase the risk of breast cancer; as for longer use, research is not yet clear.

If one takes progesterone and estrogen together, it has been proven there is no increased risk for uterine cancer, and in fact, HRT may even offer some protection against it.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page.

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Kids get the message: Sun can be a health risk

THE message that sun is harmful and can cause skin cancer has begun to filter into the minds of children and teenagers.

Over 40,000 of them called a special Israeli Cancer Association (ICA) phone line for information on protection from the sun - an unprecedented number, given the fact that no prizes were offered when the number was broadcast on the Children's Channel on cable TV.

According to a survey the channel conducted in July, of 416 children of elementary-school age, seven out of 10 knew it was important to wear a hat in the sun, compared to only 59 percent in April before the ICA's information campaign was launched. The proportion of children knowing the importance of using sunscreens almost doubled to 64 percent.

They were also more aware of the need to wear sunglasses and to drink more in the summer.

The findings corroborate the results of a recent ICA survey of youngsters aged 12 to 18 on their actual habits regarding the sun. They were less likely to lie on the beach or beside the pool during the high-intensity hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Girls especially were well aware of the cosmetic damage caused by sun, including wrinkles and freckles.

INSIDE OUT

A new type of ultrasound device, which transmits images from inside the body via endoscopy, has been installed at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. The \$150,000 unit, made by Pentax-Hitachi in Japan, has already been used to diagnose 25 patients in the gastroenterology institute.

Dr. Moshe Santo, who uses the device, says it can often give clearer images than an MRI or CT scan (taken from outside the body) and can often rule out the need for operations that prove superfluous.

An endoscope connected to the machine is inserted into the throat to produce images of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, spleen and other organs in the chest not connected with the digestive system. It is especially effective in observing growths, cancerous and otherwise, and determining whether they are spreading in the body, as well as determining the appropriate treatment.

WINS CIGARETTE DAMAGE CLAIM

A New York jury has awarded an unprecedented \$2 million in compensation to a former smoker of Kent cigarettes who developed a rare type of cancer. Milton Horowitz, who sued the J.P.

Lorillard Company, blamed the disease on the asbestos filter used in Kent cigarettes (and manufactured by the Hollingworth company) during the '50s.

The \$2 million award was the highest ever granted in the US for damage caused by cigarettes. Experts told *The Wall Street Journal*, however, that the case will have a limited effect on the growing number of suits against tobacco companies because the damage involved the filter, not the tobacco itself.

LAVENDER-SCENTED SLEEP
The claims of aromatherapists about at least one of the benefits of lavender oil have been proven by British researchers writing in *The Lancet*. Dr. David Stretch of the Greenwood Institute at the University of Leicester headed a team that investigated the effects of the aroma on elderly patients with insomnia.

Many old people who suffer from sleep problems are prescribed powerful hypnotic drugs over long periods of time, even though these are recommended only for short-term use.

Stretch introduced lavender oil into a ward of psychogeriatric patients, via an odor diffuser. The patients had previously been on tranquilizers for as long as three years. After the use of these drugs was halted, they slept poorly. But the lavender oil made the sleep as long as they had when drugged, and they were also less restless during sleep, the researcher reported. "Although our results are preliminary... it might be worthwhile to investigate this effect more formally under controlled conditions," he wrote.

HEALTH SCAN

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A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A...
What's in a name? Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has changed the official term of "supplementary health insurance" (an optional policy for which residents pay extra) to "additional health insurance."

The reason is that Sneh doesn't want the public to think the basket of services to which everyone is entitled is not comprehensive. He announced this change at a recent meeting of the National Health Council, which met for the second time in Jerusalem. An amendment will make the change official. The council, which consists of 31 public representatives, also approved the nomination of 11 sub-committees.

The members approved a research program allocating NIS 5 million for the study of health economics, organization of services, quality control, national hospitalization policy and the degree of public satisfaction with the new health-insurance system launched in January.

CLUE TO CRIB DEATH
US researchers have now found a clue to understanding Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS): a defect in a very small section of the brain stem of affected babies. "We're announcing a major clue, but it's not the cause," says Dr. Hannah Kinney, a pathologist at Children's Hospital in Boston and at Harvard Medical School, whose study appears in latest edition of *Science*. The defect is not fully understood

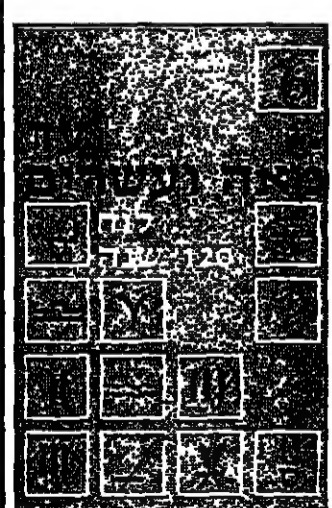
yet, nor does the discovery mean a cure or even a risk-screening test is near.

Parents are now being advised to place their babies to sleep on their back or side instead of their stomach to reduce the risk, but these positions do not eliminate it.

The researchers think the flaw - which was found in autopsies in a statistically significant number of the babies who died of SIDS

and not in those who died of other causes - may prevent the brain from detecting dangerously high levels of carbon dioxide. A healthy person who inhales too much of the gas reacts reflexively by waking up and coughing or clearing the airway to eliminate the hazard. But apparently some babies lack that internal carbon dioxide detector, and inhale lethal levels.

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The signing

OSLO 2, the implementation document of the Declaration of Principles' second phase, will undoubtedly be signed soon, if it has not been signed by the time this reaches the newsstand. Israelis do not know much about the document, said to contain 450 pages, nor will the Knesset vote on it before it is signed in a Washington ceremony.

This is unfortunate. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres likes to cite the Camp David Accords as a precedent. They, too, were approved by the Knesset only after they were signed. But then Prime Minister Menachem Begin had written Egypt's President Anwar Sadat that if the Knesset failed to approve the agreement, on which MKs could vote according to their conscience rather than party lines, the accords would be voided. What will happen to the Oslo 2 agreement if it is rejected by the Knesset is not at all clear. There is no constitutional provision for such an event.

Peres also likes to cite Camp David as the legal and political basis for the present agreement, but nothing can be further from the truth. The Camp David Accords had many faults, but they clearly aimed at autonomy for the inhabitants of the administered territories, not at the establishment of an independent Palestinian entity. Above all, the accords were intended to let Israel have the option to demand sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza after the interim

period, and to have veto power over any other claim for sovereignty.

In the present agreements, the very word autonomy is taboo. And it is clear to all - as the more honest members of the cabinet like Environment Minister Yossi Sarid say openly - that the agreement with the PLO, if implemented, can only lead to a Palestinian state.

Knowing that most Israelis are less concerned about territories than security, Peres assured radio listeners yesterday that responsibility for "overall security" remains in Israel's hands. But this is formally also true about the Gaza-Jericho First agreement.

Yet in effect it has meant nothing. A case in point is the Palestinian Authority's effort to persuade Yihya Ayyash, the notorious "engineer" responsible for many of the suicide bombings, to leave Gaza for a foreign country. The reason is that the PA wants to save Yasser Arafat embarrassment in case Ayyash gets caught. Clearly, the PA is more concerned about Arafat's embarrassment than Israel's security, but Israel can neither go into Gaza to hunt Ayyash nor force the PA to do so.

As the new year begins, one can only hope that those who believe that Oslo 2 will only create more shelters, headquarters, recruiting centers and training grounds for terrorists in Judea and Samaria are wrong, and that the prophets of the New Middle East are right.

The eternal optimists

THE European Union is undoubtedly the great success story of the past half century for those who are its members. Born from the determination of France and Germany to link their economies and prevent future antagonisms, it began as the Coal and Steel Community and evolved through the European Economic Community and the European Community to today's EU.

The economic power of the union was seen most clearly when some of Europe's poorer countries - Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Denmark, and Greece - joined and saw their living standards soar within months. Not surprisingly, the smaller members of the 15-nation club are among the community's most enthusiastic and it is the effect on these economies that has the struggling former communist states of eastern Europe casting covetous eyes on the European Union.

At this weekend's meeting of EU leaders in Majorca, the question of enlarging the union was high on the agenda. If European union was the impossible dream that came true on the ruins of World War II, the enlargement of its borders to the east may become a nightmare that could cause the whole edifice to collapse under its own weight. This is especially true because the union's political development lags far behind its economic achievements.

The economic burden of East Germany left the West German giant tottering, and if the EU's agricultural and regional policies are not overhauled, the proposed accession of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia will add an estimated \$47 billion to the already huge bill for farm and depressed-area subsidies. New

economic burdens inevitably must bring new political strains. The wordy declarations that Europeans would deal with Europe's problem in Yugoslavia fizzled into worthlessness as once again the Europeans were forced to step aside and let the Americans do most of the recent peace enforcing in Bosnia.

Europe has no united foreign policy, except on trade matters, and it has no effective independent defense forces. The foreign policy goals of many member countries remain incompatible - as Bosnia glaringly demonstrated. On defense, the Germans are inhibited from taking military action and some states - Sweden, Austria and Ireland - are by their constitutions as neutral as Switzerland. One of the largest members, Britain, wavers between lukewarm acceptance and downright hostility, especially when adjustments to its sovereignty are required. The Union now proposes adding divided Cyprus to the club, with divided Ireland still unresolved. The old theory that historic divisions would fade away by the mere act of signing the Maastricht Treaty has proved to be wrong - no one is rushing to prove it by signing up the former Yugoslav republics.

All this provided plenty of food for thought when the leaders met, yet it seems the consensus, with some varying levels of enthusiasm, is that Europe should forge ahead with taking in the easterners. No one has yet explained how a monstrous bureaucracy of 20 or more widely different nations and languages proposes to function, let alone govern itself. One can only admire the eternal optimism that has somehow kept the European bandwagon rolling for 50 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER

Sir, - On September 19, news stories in several papers stated that the State Comptroller, in her capacity as Public Complaints Commissioner, failed to revoke the dismissal of "whistle blowers" - employees who expose acts of corruption. The Commissioner was also said to oppose proposed legislation to grant the labor courts the authority to revoke such dismissals.

These statements are unfounded. During her term of office, the Commissioner has issued eight orders for the reinstatement of employees after being convinced that they were indeed dismissed, or about to be dismissed, for exposing acts of corruption. All of them continued to work as a result of the order. In one case, due to cutbacks, the complainant was offered an equivalent position, which he turned down.

The Commissioner also voided the dismissal of one of the persons mentioned in the stories - Mordechai Elav. The investigation of the case of the other person mentioned, Michael Milo, is about to be completed.

The Commissioner never opposed the proposed legislation to grant the labor courts explicit authority to revoke the dismissal of whistle blowers. In fact, she was

never asked what her position was on this issue. If asked, she would have supported the proposal.

The Commissioner has always advocated encouraging civil servants to be vigilant in safeguarding the moral integrity of the bodies in which they work. Giving a broad interpretation of the authority vested in her by law, she supported the 1990 amendment to the State Comptroller Law which granted the Commissioner the authority to protect internal auditors who had been penalized for fulfilling their duties.

Yet it is true that the Commissioner, as stated in the news stories, opposes proposed criminal legislation in this sphere. At a session of the Knesset State Audit Affairs Committee on July 24, 1994, she clarified the reasons for her opposition, which are in the issue's interest and to the benefit of corruption ex-

posers. The Commissioner only expressed her opinion, for the State Comptroller has no power to block legislation. But she is convinced such legislation would render impossible the already difficult task of granting protection to ex-

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UNIQUE BOND

Sir, - Your editorial of September 5, "Jerusalem, still to be won," gave able expression to the historical uniqueness that characterizes the bond of the Jewish people to its capital, Jerusalem.

However, such an affinity is inherent as well to the bond of the

Jewish people to its land, the Land of Israel.

It would be foolish to count on those who are falling the people so miserably by giving up the land to be successful in retaining its capital.

CHARLES MARCUS
Jerusalem

MURDER IN HALHOUL

Sir, - The murder in Halhoul was instantly condemned in the sharpest terms by the US - not to mention our Peres/Meretz government.

Now that it is known that the perpetrators were Arabs and not Jews ("settlers"), does the sharp condemnation by the US stand? I doubt it.

After calls from "right-wing Jewish groups" claiming responsibility, it is clear to the most naive observer that if indeed they were made, they could have been made by anyone, just as the murderers were army fatigues and skull-caps to further impugn and criminalize Jews of Yehsa and the Jewish people as a whole.

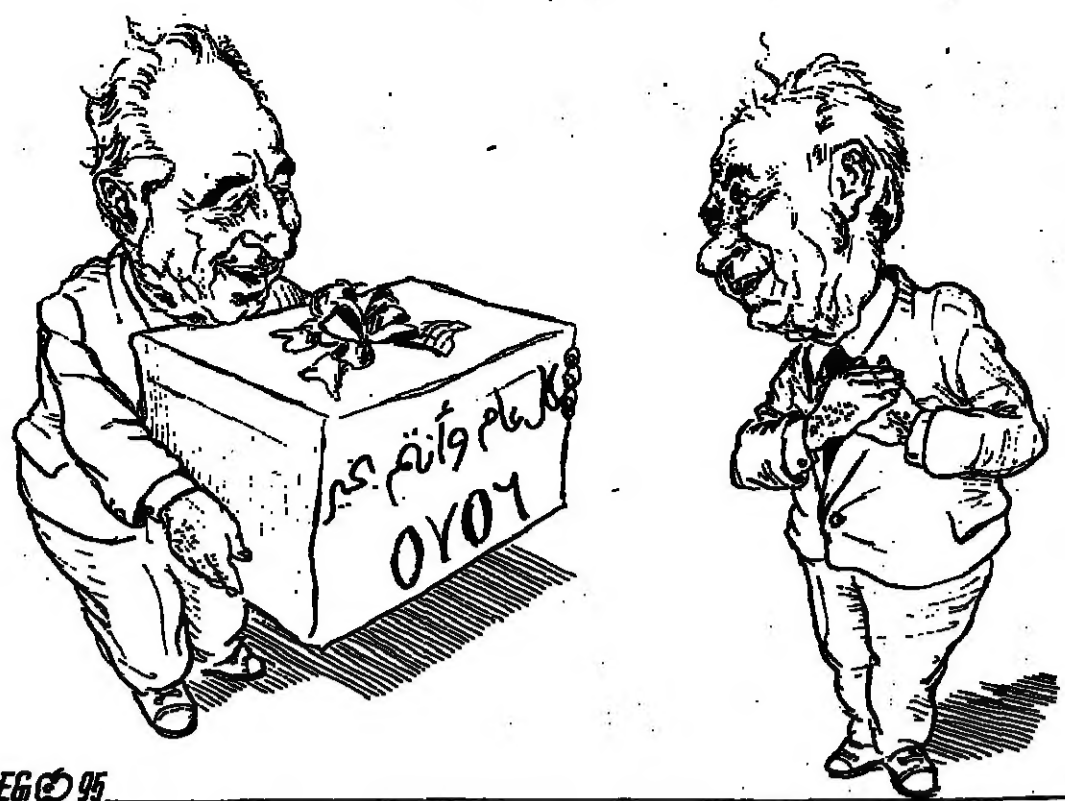
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Kfar Adumim

JUDICIAL IMMORALITY

Sir, - Alan Silber (Letters, August 8) knows so few of the facts in the Jonathan Pollard case that my corrections would be redundant to your readers. He reveals in his pleadings that he is more concerned with cultural insecurity than with justice, which is the most important issue here. There is more at stake here of political and judicial immorality than Mr. Silber realizes.

The words of Mr. Silber exemplify the view that those who are ignorant of the facts do not have a license to misrepresent them. It is a matter of consensus that no person should have to spend a life in prison on the basis of secret proceedings. That's the way it is.

MORRIS POLLARD
Notre Dame, Indiana



To peace or perdition?

ROSH Hashana is the season of summing-up, of drawing up a final accounting of the past year. Yet concentrating on the past is of no account without an equal or greater focus on the future.

Only if we know where we are going does it make sense to ask how far have we come. If we have no clear destination, how can we determine the direction in which we are moving?

Zionism wrought a major transformation in Jewish life. Tragically, the Holocaust destroyed a third of our people before the Zionist goal that could have prevented the destruction of European Jewry was attained. After the trauma of World War II, all the energies of the Jewish people were directed to the Zionist aim.

The Zionist principle is very simple: No more wandering, no more exile, no more dependence upon others; the Jewish people returns to its home to be master of its destiny. In the words of the prophet, "The children return to their own borders." Any moral act that advances the fulfillment of this goal is progress; anything that subverts its accomplishment is failure.

The rise of the State of Israel, the ingathering of the exiles, the struggles and the victories against enemies roundabout, the building of the land which lay waste for centuries, and the blooming of the desert were all stations along the road to the realization of our national destiny.

Recently though, a psychic trauma has seized us. Government ministers seriously advocate

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uprooting Jewish towns and villages in our ancestral homeland. They speak of expelling and exiling thousands of Jews in order to carry favor with Arab potentates - Hafez Assad and his ilk.

We have made a pact with an unrepentant terrorist, and even as Jewish blood is shed in all parts of the country, we are told that if only we surrender more to the

As we draw the line under the accounts of the past year, we must ask ourselves: Where are we going?

PLO, Yasser Arafat will take charge of our security, and he will control terrorism.

Meanwhile, Arafat himself continues to incite to jihad in speeches on Arab television, and implies that his agreement with us is merely a stage in his drive to throw the Jews into the sea. He mocks and taunts Yitzhak Rabin by name.

IN SHEER numbers of casualties, terror has reached unprecedented levels. In response, some of our leaders argue that just as in war one must be prepared to suffer loss of precious lives, so too peace extracts a bloody price. In typical double-speak, the renewed Arab attack on our land,

our security, and our very lives is described as the "peace process."

To Arafat's credit, it must be acknowledged that he does not conceal his intentions. He made one commitment: to cancel the PLO Covenant which calls for the destruction of the Jews. This he has not done, nor does he ever intend to do so. His "great" concession in Oslo 1 is now being sold to us again, for a higher price, as his "great" concession in Oslo 2.

As we draw the bottom line on the accounts of the past year, we must ask ourselves where we are going.

When Jewish policemen beat peaceful protesters and herd rabbis into jail for daring to question the government's double-speak; when government ministers prefer to meet with Arafat's henchmen at the very hour when Jewish victims are being buried rather than join the thousands of mourners; when no place in Israel is safe and, at the same time, we bring in and arm thousands of terrorists, newly-turned "Palestinian policemen" from Algeria; when the wholesale release of Arab murderers is defended by our justice minister as perfectly legal, can thinking Jews anywhere remain silent?

The race toward self-immolation must be stopped. The government must be brought to its senses.

Our lives and the existence of the Jewish state are in the balance.

The writer is head of Birkat Moshe yeshiva in Ma'aleh Adumim.

Let's listen to each other

ONE of my first acts upon assuming the position of deputy minister for foreign affairs was to call a meeting of the representatives of major Diaspora organizations with the aim of hearing their views about Israel-Diaspora relations.

It wasn't an easy meeting. Since the inception of the state, our message had been: "We need your political support because we are being attacked by the Arab world; we need your money because we are poor."

Though there are still those bent on our destruction, our neighbors are making the transition from enemy to adversary and, God willing, will one day become our partners. Though there are still too many poor among us, Israel's economy has begun to take off, and we are optimistic about its future.

"What, then, is the message Israel wants to convey to the Diaspora?" was the common refrain I heard.

It was an opportunity to be briefed on the challenges of assimilation, Jewish continuity, and education. "What does Israel propose to do about these problems?" the representatives asked.

Israel-Diaspora relations are in a state of flux; they stand on new and untested ground. And the situation, it appears, has been exploited by those who in their zeal for their political cause are throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

Sincere doubts concerning the security and territorial implications of the peace agreements have been twisted by some into a trade against the legitimacy of the elected government, and toward a movement to replace institutions which represent the en-

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tire Jewish community with ones that favor a limited political spectrum.

The American Jewish Committee recently published its report on support for the peace process within the US Jewish community. I was encouraged to see that the great majority of Jews continue to support the peace process.

This support is all the more impressive because of the adjustments we have had to make in our thinking about the Palestinians. Yes, Hamas is still bent on

Political debate in Israel and the Diaspora must stay within the bounds of Jewish unity

its murderous campaign. But the public both at home and abroad has realized that there is no alternative to working together with mainstream Palestinians in trying to overcome our problems.

ISRAEL'S main concern, of course, is security. There have been many benefits from the peace process, such as its tremendous positive impact on trade and direct foreign investment, but it is questions of security that preoccupy us.

Israel has resisted the temptation to conclude the interim agreement hastily, because it has been vigilant not to compromise on security concerns.

This principle is most evident when it comes to the Jewish settlements and providing for their security. Nothing could have

been more simple than to agree to the Palestinian demand to evacuate 450 Jews from Hebron, a city of 120,000 Arabs.

Why didn't the government give in to the Palestinian demand? Because it is committed to the security of all its citizens. This is a government for all Israelis, regardless of political belief. We honor and value the feelings of all our countrymen and firmly believe in the need to keep in touch with all opinions.

Throughout my parliamentary career, I have held frequent meetings with the settlers to keep abreast of their thoughts, and to explain government policy.

Just as clear is the fact that the State of Israel exists for all Jews, which leads us back to the issue of Israel-Diaspora relations.

It is both natural and healthy that there should be animated debate over the peace process. It is heartening to see that there is so much interest in the Diaspora. This is a sign of the strength of the Jewish people.

However, we must take care that this political debate remain within the bounds of the Jewish people's unity, and the consensus of support for the State of Israel, its democratically elected government, and its institutions.

My resolution on the eve of Rosh Hashana, and my advice to all those involved in the political debate in Israel and the Diaspora, is that we should improve our capacity for listening to each other. While not disregarding our differences, we must make sure that our hearts and minds remain open to fellow Jews concerned about the future of Israel.

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Mixed feelings

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IN America, my reaction to any given situation was mostly funny. When things were funny, I laughed. When they were tragic, I cried.

But since coming to Israel, I've found that I simultaneously laugh and cry under the most unusual and disturbing circumstances. I wouldn't call this mixture of emotions hysteria, but an authentic reflection of the tragic-comic nature of life here.

Granted, I've always favored black humor, and I've been known to make some pretty bizarre comments at inopportune times.

Like when I was in the throes of a complicated labor, and my obstetrician said in between laughs that she couldn't deliver the baby unless I ceased with the jokes.

Then there was the time during the Gulf War, when the siren went off and the kids and I dashed into the sealed room. But my in-laws, seasoned Israelis, decided to take their good old time.

My kids were screaming, and I was in a semi-panic - but then I announced that I was calling up my rabbi to see if it was "halachically permissible to seal one's in-laws out of the sealed room." Comic relief? You bet it was.

MY FIRST encounter with this laugh-cry thing happened two weeks into my stay.

We were in an absorption center, located in a religious neighborhood, and I awoke with a raging sore throat. I was first in line at the Kupat Holim clinic, but received the number 56.

Each time I made to enter the physician's door, a mother with six children in tow would appear, bearing numbers like 15, 32, and five.

Close to tears, I asked someone how this could be. The reply: Early each morning, on the way to morning prayers, the women's husbands sneak through the open window and take the first number.

Life here is a laugh-cry thing

best, so their wives won't have to wait in line.

Four hours later, unable to swallow, I told the doctor, in English, that I had a sore throat. He jammed a tongue depressor down my throat, and, after a few seconds, came up with the diagnosis: "Ah," he said, and then in broken English: "You have a sore throat."

I returned to my shabby room with no pills, no nothing. I relayed the story to my husband. He looked at me and asked, "How do you do that - laugh and cry at the same time?"

It happened again recently. I was in a demonstration one evening at the Russian Compound, and my friend and I, both chicken-hearted, decided to leave when the police got nasty.

But as we turned our backs to go, the horses came charging, followed by water cannon. It was "the blind leading the blind," as I have difficulty seeing at night, she has weak ankles, and neither of us a world-class sprinter.

We took off hand in hand, through the dark, stumbling over rocks and winding our way around the old buildings. We finally discovered a narrow alley with steep broken steps leading down to Jaffa Street. Did I mention I have vertigo?

As we started to navigate the steps, a group of boys behind us yelled, "Hey guys, they found steps! Hurry up!" Horrific images of the Arab concert tragedy flashed before me.

Then, like an abrupt end to a bad dream, we found ourselves among lights, tourists and fast food. Breathless, with tears streaming down my face, I said, "Miriam, you want a bureka?" I guess I thrive on turning fright or ironic situations into humorous ones.

But a while ago, all that changed.

A friend called to tell me about the terrorist murder of Danny Frel. She said, "You know who he is, you were standing right next to him at the demonstration outside President Weizman's home two weeks ago."

That's right. A group of us had held up signs that read, "President Weizman: We want to live."

The irony was there. But this time, I had only tears.

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'We have passed the point of no return'

Yitzhak Rabin sees no alternative to peace talks or to a strong security posture. He spoke with David Makovsky

PALESTINIANS

Q: In a broad sense, what do you see as the significance of this agreement with the Palestinians in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict?

A: I don't believe that by signing diplomatic documents, you can get rid of the baggage of hatred, suspicion and bloodshed between the Arab countries, the Palestinians especially, and us. But the diplomatic papers are the door for a new era in which, hopefully by coexistence, we will be able within 10 to 30 years to reduce the effects of the long, bitter conflict between us and the Arab countries... The most complicated one is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The question, put to myself is: "Where do you go from here?" The ultimate targets for me are: to maintain Israel as a Jewish, not a bi-national, state; to agree - not without pain - to the existence of a Palestinian entity living in peace alongside Israel, in areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip where 2.2 million Pal-

Israel retains strong intelligence capability, but it won't be able to act on data from areas it leaves. So cooperation with the PA is important.

Is it therefore fair to say that, if their performance is satisfactory, you would reexamine your views on the issue of statehood?

I did not say so. At this stage, I would say that I would examine the capability of the Palestinians at every step before taking any decision on the future.

You have said that your main doubt about this accord with the Palestinians is the level of cooperation between Israel and the PA against terrorism.

Are you confident that Israel's independent intelligence capability will remain strong until this vital issue of cooperation is sorted out?

There is no doubt that, in the areas of the towns, we will [redeploy, and] our capability will be reduced.

The main issue is not information, but the way to react to the information. At the same time, I can say that friction between us and the Palestinians on a daily basis, a weekly basis, will be reduced.

Since the pre-state days, the Zionist ethos was one of self-reliance.

Now, Israel will be dependent upon another entity to help with its own security. Is this a different mind-set?

Did we ever have the right of retaliation following attacks from the Sinai after peace? When Palestinians attacked a bus from the Sinai, we dealt with the terror but we did not retaliate against Egypt. The same is true with Jordan.

Yes, but both in terms of frequency and proximity, attacks from the territories are different from Sinai, and the trauma is different.

Yes, it is a different story, but we never retaliated against a partner with whom we were in agreement, even a limited agreement.

What about problems of extradition?

So far, it does not work... [There's] no doubt that for [the PA] to give somebody to Israel by their own authority looks to be more difficult than they believed [when] they agreed to this article [of extradition, in May 1994].

What makes you think that the PA will fulfill its obligation to extradite terror suspects in the future, when Palestinian security official Mohammed Dahlan said they will never extradite any of them?

If they can never do it, then they have to think about catching [and jailing] some of them and then [we make sure] it will be difficult [for the PA] to release them.

Those [terror suspects] they capture for [crimes committed in] areas under their control - it is their responsibility to bring them to their court. But if somebody does that who comes from an area not under [PA] control, [carries out an attack] and finds refuge in [PA] areas, it is a different story.

How confident are you that the Palestinians won't make this the norm by committing acts of terrorism and then running to a Palestinian city of refuge?

I hope [that this will not be the case], but I cannot say for sure.

Does Israel have any options in the event this agreement fails?

What we are doing is based upon the assumption that things will go according to the agreement.

I will not elaborate our means to cope with the problem if it does not go well.

Is this agreement irreversible?

As I see it, we have passed the point of no return. There is a limit to predicting the future. This is why we have to keep strong military forces, a strong intelligence community and strong police.

But when you refer to passing the point of no return, are you saying that Israel will not go back to the places from which it will now be pulling out?

I did not say so.

So what does "the point of no return" mean?

It means that we are on the road to peace.

SETTLEMENTS, SETTLERS AND CRITICS

You always invoke the Oslo accords in pledging that you will not move a single settlement during the interim period. But was that a wise decision? Perhaps Israel should have consolidated some settlements and abandoned isolated ones?

As a statesman or politician, it is not enough to come up with bright ideas. You have to be able to implement them. I think it would have been a mistake to start with this.



Rabin: The question I put to myself is: 'Where do you go from here?'

(Isaac Harari)

A mistake from a domestic political view?

It would have been a mistake. During my term as prime minister between 1974 and 1977, I opposed any establishment of settlements in densely populated [Palestinian] areas except Kaddum. Let's say the [Kaddum] decision was a failure, but a limited one.

Reconciliation with the Arabs will take 10 to 30 years, meaning Israel must stay strong to curb terror. Meanwhile, we stay on the road to peace.

During my first term as prime minister, I opposed the establishment of a Jewish settlement in Hebron and did not allow it. I inherited many establishments that I would not have allowed, but I leave this all to [negotiations on] the permanent solution.

Uprooting settlements is sensitive to all of us. I don't believe that late prime minister Begin would have agreed to uproot settlements without signing a permanent peace agreement with Egypt.

You seem to speak more and more approvingly of Menachem Begin.

Is this coincidental or do you now have greater appreciation for him as someone who made major sacrifices for complete territorial withdrawal?

I believe he had courage and imagination. I said it then, and voted for the Camp David accords; not like one of the people I admire more, Yigal Allon, who abstained.

Do you consider Menachem Begin one of the great prime ministers?

Yes, I consider him one of the great prime ministers because of his decision on peace. Let's face it, the real historic breakthrough in the relationship between Israel and the Arab peoples was the peace treaty with Egypt. Nobody can take that credit away from him.

Do you envision settlement blocs as being important to Israel as part of any final-status agreement with the Palestinians?

If I speak about blocs at this stage, I have to designate them. Area C [uninhabited rural areas, military installations and settlements] is a bigger area than the blocs, and therefore it would be a mistake to designate the blocs, because then the other side would come along and say: "You have the blocs, so give us the other [areas]."

When we get to the [next phase] of further redeployment,

then we might have to go to the blocs... Then we have to bring considerations of the permanent solution into account, and one of the elements is borders.

How concerned are you about the polarization in society caused by this agreement? Do you think it is the responsibility of the prime minister to close this rift?

The way that I see it - and I hope that I am right - the issue [facing] the Israeli public is no longer the ideology of the "whole land of Israel" movement. This argument you do not hear too much.

You hear it here and there. [The settlers'] outcry is that they are being abandoned. Nobody is speaking of them as a strategic asset. The two main ideological points - the "whole land of Israel" and the tremendous contribution of the settlers to the security of Israel - have almost evaporated.

The main issue that they raise, and rightly so, is personal security... But one has to bear in mind why this has become such an issue. The mixing up of Israelis and Palestinians in the territories has created [targets] for terrorists. Only separation can [provide a] sense of personal security. The opposition exploits this reality - which they created, by mixing up the populations more than they were before.

For me, the pioneers today are not the settlers. For me, the pioneers are those who bring aliyah, absorb it and advance our society

and economy. This is the fulfillment of the Zionist dream, to bring more Jews to Israel, to achieve the goal [whereby] more than half of the Jewish people live in the Jewish state.

Even though you refuse to move settlements, spending over NIS 1 billion on new roads to protect them, the settlers and others feel

The settlers are not pioneers, nor are those who set up a settlement near Beit She'an. Pioneers absorb immigrants and bolster the economy.

delegitimized by what you say about them. I am sure they won't like it that you say they are not pioneers any more than being likened to spinning propellers.

I have a different view of what are pioneers in our period. I would not say that settling in Beit She'an [is pioneering] either. I can criticize them, but I don't delegitimize them. I don't believe they are the spirit of Zionism. By no means.

SYRIA

Is the Egyptian model of full

peace for full withdrawal a precedent for the Syrian negotiations?

I believe there is something in it, because this is the way that the Syrians speak. They ask, "Why should we get less than Egypt?" I am not saying it, but in the eyes of the leaders of Syria, and the leaders of most of the world, the precedent of the price of peace that was paid by Israel for the achievement of peace with Egypt should be the basic principle in our negotiations with the Arab countries - where international boundaries were in existence even prior to the UN General Assembly partition plan in November 1947, [which] served later on as the basis of borders up to the '67 war.

So it will be extremely difficult to break out of the Egyptian model in the Syrian negotiations?

It will be very difficult, judging from the Syrian position.

The question, then, is not the price of peace with Syria but whether it is worth the price?

There is... a difference [between Sinai and the Golan in] geography and topography. The Sinai creates a really big buffer zone, which does not exist on the Golan Heights. Therefore, through security arrangements, we have to compensate for the issue of geography and topography.

Can Israel agree to the idea of ground early-warning stations on the Golan, whereby real-time intelligence data are received from the Americans manning those stations?

I do not want to go into the details. As you know, our position is that there is a need for a ground warning station, without reference to [the location of] the exact borders... There is no agreement between Israel and Syria on this issue.

Do you see Iraq joining the peace process? If it did, would it change the calculus in Israel's negotiations with Syria?

Iraq has been under sanctions for almost five years. I am all for the continuation of the sanctions. I wish that there will be a change of attitude, a change of regime in Iraq. But to what extent it happens depends on the Iraqis.

I don't see the present regime in Iraq joining the peace process. I wish there would be a policy of an Iraqi government to change [its] attitude towards Israel and join in making peace with Israel.

FRICITION WITH EGYPT AND THE NEW MIDDLE EAST

Egyptian-Israeli relations did not improve as expected after last spring's conference on nuclear non-proliferation. The NPT issue remains, and President Mubarak has made some tough statements which can be interpreted as opposing regional economic cooperation. Do you think he is just pandering to his regime's Islamic opponents?

Do you think the US has been derelict in not using all its sizeable leverage to ensure that Egypt acts more responsibly toward Israel than it has recently? How concerned are you about the state of relations with Egypt?

I believe the problem started after we tackled the Palestinian issue [since Oslo]. This created openness in the Arab world. There were elements in the Arab world, some of them in Egypt, who feared that some Arab [leaders] would come to Israel [and] normalize relations before we finish [formulating peace agreements] with our neighboring Arab countries and the Palestinians.

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Peres of a new Middle East was twisted by many elements in the Arab world [who interpreted it as] an Israeli attempt to achieve economic hegemony in the Middle East. This was not our purpose. It is the opposite; our markets are not in the Arab world. By regional cooperation, we can achieve [much] for the Arab countries and the Arab peoples. But a paranoid attitude was developed, and a beginning of more openness was delayed by the general atmosphere.

Third, the [problems with Egypt are due to] stupidity of some Israelis in bringing up ugly stories from past wars with Egypt. This embarrassed the government of Egypt and I understand. They did not raise this issue. It was put on the table by Israelis.

I believe that basically the IDF showed high norms of behavior in war. There were exceptions, here and there; [there were] the same and more [committed] on the Arab side. To start to deal with this now is to poison the atmosphere between the Arab world and us. We created the problem for the Egyptian government.

How do you make Israel's benign intentions for a new Middle East of regional economic cooperation clear to the Arabs?

Leave the generalities. Let's tackle things case by case. If something furthers cooperation, let's do it. Let's forget about general ideas and start to deal pragmatically.

American Jews have no right to criticize Israel on life-and-death matters, nor intervene with their own government against official Israeli policy.

Can Israel accept the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and can it agree to halt nuclear production levels?

I believe we can join the prevention of nuclear tests [under] CTBT under certain conditions.

ISRAEL-DIASPORA RELATIONS

There is an increasing minority of American Jews who are becoming more vocal in opposition to your policies. Are you concerned that this could harm Israel-Diaspora relations?

I believe there is a danger of increasing tension between segments of the American-Jewish community and Israel. It is unprecedented in the relationship between Israel and the American-Jewish community. I believe they have no right to patronize Israel. They have no right to intervene in the way that the people of Israel have decided, in a very democratic way, on which direction to go when it comes to peace and war.

They have the right to speak to us, but by no means to act, as Americans, against the policy of the government of Israel. No doubt there are among them, some who have children here, who serve in the army, but the bulk don't. Whoever does not have daughters or sons who serve in the army has no right to intervene or act on issues of war and peace.

Shana tova, Mr. Prime Minister.

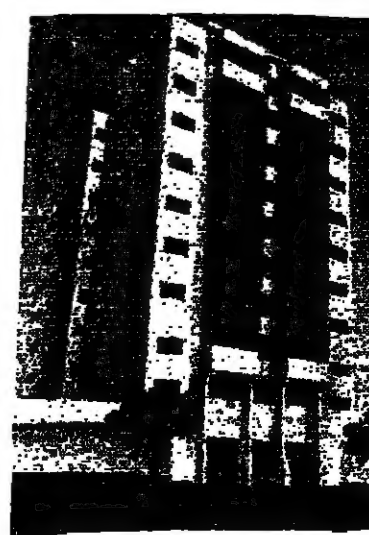
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The rich history of 110 Hayarkon Street

"If these walls could speak..." exclaimed Tamar Segal, the telephone operator at the Labor Party headquarters at 110 Hayarkon Street in Tel Aviv. The offices will soon be relocated to Rehov Harakevet.

A devoted public servant, Segal refuses to reveal what she has witnessed in the whitewashed walls in which she has worked.

She started working there when the secretariat of Mapai (now part of the Labor Party) moved into the newly acquired premises along the hotel row near the seashore in January 1951.

"I'll probably stay on until the headquarters move to their new address in Rehov Harakevet next summer," she says.

Now, Segal is sadly preparing to retire.

"The staff here was entirely devoted to the task - work here was absorbing, overshadowing family and private interests," Segal said. She worked with 18 secretaries-general, and each one turned the building into "a world of his own."

The first was Zalman "Ziama" Aharonovich. (Zalman Aranne, when he assumed the post of cabinet minister years later.)

It was generally believed that serving as secretary-general was an opening gambit for a Mapai party career. This was not so when the party was born in 1930 by the merger of two principal workers' organizations: the rather nationalistic Hapoel Hatzair and the more radical socialist Poalei Zion.

The guiding spirit in Mapai was vested in a small group of expressive personalities who had earned the confidence of the majority mainly through their protracted speeches. There was a familial aura among this leading group, where past allegiances were never forgotten and personal loyalties were expected to remain firm.

With the establishment of the

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

state, it appeared that the leading group moved to the cabinet. Ziama left Hayarkon Street to become the minister of education. Others - including Giora Josephthal, Yosef Almog, Yisrael Yeshayahu and Pinhas Sapir - eventually followed a similar course.

However, more than a few leaders such as Meir Argov, Yona Kesse, Raphael Bash and Reuven Barkat were sidetracked from that path.

Incidentally, the tradition that central party figures sit in the cabinet was resumed when the Labor Party returned to power - it included Shimon Peres, Haim Barlev, Uzi Baram and Micha Harish in the cabinet.

Hayarkon Street was a great improvement over the flat on the third floor of 2 Brenner Street, on the corner of Allenby Road. The only thing lacking at the new location was a replacement for Altschuler's cafe on Allenby Road where one could find many party adherents sipping lemon tea than using party offices. Old Altschuler would never remind a customer that he had "forgotten" to pay his half piaster.

"The fact was that really important decisions had not been taken in Hayarkon Street," observed Meir Barlev, a former Mapai member.

The nuclei of power were several - though all within walking distance of the headquarters. The "Old Man," David Ben-Gurion, used to receive his trusted supporters in the library of his cottage, located on a street then known as Keren Kayemet which now bears his name. Next to it, on the corner of Ben-Yehuda Street, was a dismal cafe where guests used to assemble before facing Paula Ben-Gurion, who guarded the way to David.

In another direction lay the Arlosoroff House, technically the home of the Tel Aviv district of Mapai. It had the advantage of having above it the Ohel Theater, which was spacious enough to hold all the argumentative politicians who attended the organization's meetings. It was at Arlosoroff House that the left-wingers of Ahud Avoda agreed to ally themselves with Hashomer Hatzair and form Mapam, a party to the left of Mapai. There too, but years later, was the dramatic session of the party which forced Pinhas Lavon to resign as secretary-general of the Histadrut due to the Lavon affair.

And a stone's throw from Ohel was the Cafe Bustan, a garden with a fountain where one could often observe Shraga Netzer - officially "a sanitation department worker of the Tel Aviv Municipality" - presiding over a small group of self-declared Very Important Persons who knew everything about everybody in local politics and were known as the Gush.

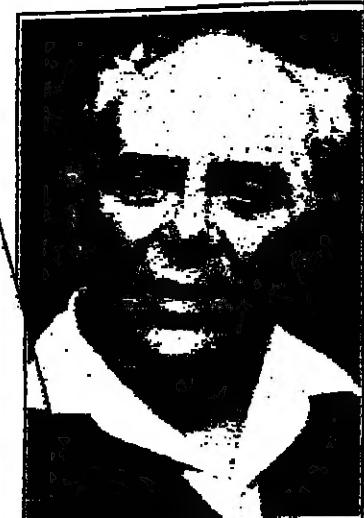
Political decisionmakers wanted the party headquarters to provide technical assistance only, but the apparatus tended to impose its views on policy-making - to the infinite regret of men like Barlev, who remembers the times when politicians prevailed. The art of striking the balance between technicians - whose skill was paramount, especially in preparing for elections - and the theoreticians caused many a crisis in the Labor Party.

Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir were asked to lend their prestige to the task of reforming the headquarters, but their brief efforts had little effect. Lova (Aryeh) Eliav expected to instill new life by changing the party's political aims, but admitted defeat within a year. However, after the debacle of 1977 elections, Peres did wonders in streamlining the party machine.

Little of the internal tensions



The Labor headquarters at 110 Hayarkon Street in Tel Aviv; (from top) Zalman "Ziama" Aranne, Labor's first secretary-general; Pinhas Lavon, who resigned in a shocking scandal; Meir Barlev, who remembers the times when politicians prevailed.



transpired through the veil of secrecy that always covered Hayarkon Street. Only trusted journalists were admitted, and only trusted journalists were allowed to cover controversial meetings.

on the condition they not reveal anything to others, not even their own story before publication. An enterprising reporter actually hid in a wind pipe in Arlosoroff House to be able to follow the

deliberations on Lavon. Will the walls speak when state university pundits are allowed to peruse the endless protocols stored in the party archives? Possibly. Though I

would venture that the human story behind these protocols might prove to be much, much more revealing - and important - than the political information they contain.

LA reeling from anonymous gift: A university of Judaism

THE first full-fledged Conservative rabbinical school in America outside New York will start enrolling students by 1996 at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. Funded by a \$22 million gift from an anonymous benefactor.

The announcement last week was hailed by leading rabbis of all denominations as a major boost to Jewish life and scholarship in the western United States.

However, at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the original parent campus of the West Coast university, chancellor Ismar Schorsch reacted sharply, saying that creation of the new school went

counter to long-standing assurances by UJ leaders that no such development was being contemplated.

The transcontinental feud dampened only slightly the jubilation on the UJ campus that the unexpected gift would fulfill the dream of ordaining a cadre of young rabbis attuned to the special attitudes and needs of the 1.3 million Jews in the western US.

Directly benefiting from the largest grant ever to a Jewish liberal arts college, which UJ leaders say arrived unsolicited, is the Ruth and Allen Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies on the university campus.

Since its founding 24 years ago,

The Conservative movement will soon be ordaining young rabbis attuned to the western US, Tom Tugend reports from Los Angeles

The Ziegler School has offered a two-year preparatory program, with its graduates generally transferring to the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) for additional years of study and ordination as Conservative rabbis.

The Conservative movement runs additional seminaries in Jerusalem and Buenos Aires.

As the first ordaining seminary of any Jewish denomination in the area west of the Mississippi, the Ziegler School plans a number of innovations.

While studies for ordination

generally require five to seven years to complete, the Ziegler School will be in session year-around and expect its students to graduate in four years.

"A lot of rabbinical recruits are older students, who have to get on with their lives," UJ president Robert Wexler said in an interview. "By offering the same number of semester hours on a year-around schedule, we can shorten the time and gain in the studies' intensity and continuity." Plans call for students to spend one summer semester studying in

Jerusalem.

The school will also offer "a different model of rabbinical education," said Wexler. "We have a much higher rate of unaffiliated Jews, up to 70 percent, in Los Angeles and the West than in older East Coast cities."

The challenge facing our graduates will be to appeal to the unaffiliated, to bring them through the door, and to deal with their intellectual, emotional and spiritual questions in a modern context."

Wexler also hopes that rabbinical students will take advantage of the UJ graduate programs in education and business administration to qualify them for positions with Hillel campus centers, Jewish day schools, and federation administrations.

There is no question in the president's mind as to the need for his rabbinical graduates to serve the growing Jewish population on the West Coast. "We now have congregations of 500 to 600 families with only one rabbi, which makes it hard for him to interact with his congregants on a personal level," he said. "We

also have to anticipate where new concentrations of Jews will move to next."

Currently, there are 30 students enrolled in the Ziegler School's two-year program, out of a total of 180 UJ students. With next year's expansion, six full-time faculty members will be added to the current four at the Ziegler School, said Rabbi Hanan Alexander, UJ vice president of academic affairs.

The new rabbinical student body will be built up slowly, Alexander said, with a goal of 75 to 100 within five years. With added professors, including senior scholars, Alexander added, "UJ will have the largest Judaica faculty west of the Mississippi, who will be part of the community and enrich our Jewish lives."

All UJ officials remained uniformly tight-lipped about the identity of the \$22-million donor, and Wexler said that such anonymity was stipulated in the agreement.

"These are very modest people who came to us and specified that the money should go toward the theological school," said Wexler, adding: "I had a long discussion with them to allow me to publicly recognize their generosity, but they said the way they were raised, it wasn't done. Then I remembered that the highest order of giving is when the benefactor is unknown, so how could I, as a rabbi, urge them to do

otherwise?"

Wexler acknowledged that there will be some future competition between the Ziegler School and the JTS rabbinical school for the best students and faculty, but the present conflict between the two Conservative bastions runs deeper than that.

When UJ was founded in Los Angeles in 1947, it was an affiliate of JTS. The JTS chancellor also served at the same time as chancellor of UJ, a joint jurisdiction that continues, at least in form, to this day.

Over the years, UJ sought increasing independence from the New York parent campus, and when longtime UJ president David Lieber retired in 1992, an agreement redefining the relationship between the campuses for the next five years was signed.

Under the terms, the Ziegler School retained its affiliation with JTS, but even that tie will be severed next year, when the Ziegler School goes "independent."

Gordis acknowledged that UJ did not receive approval from JTS for the new Ziegler School status, but he said that he hoped for a continuing partnership with the New York campus.

"I understand that this matter is difficult for JTS, but I hope that for the welfare of the Conservative movement we can work together," said Gordis.

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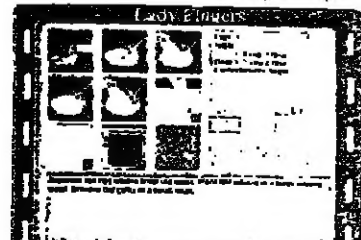
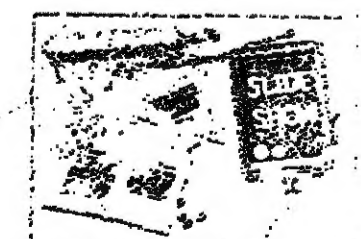
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'Shul-hopping' in the land of sundry synagogues

LEAH ABROMOWITZ

WHEN I was growing up in St. Louis, we used to love going from one synagogue to another on Simhat Torah. The davening and especially the *hakafot* were just long enough to let us girls amble from the Hassidim (where they gave out candied apples) to the *Mingolim* (where we got bags of broken candy); from Beit Hamedrosh Hagadol (where naughty boys tied the men's tallitot together as they read the Torah) to Chessed Shet Emet (where the shuffling that went for dancing raised a cloud of dust).

Now that I'm grown up, I rarely have a chance to go shul-hopping. But when we visit one of our married kids, I generally get the opportunity to see the Jewish people praying in all of its varied facets. Last weekend, we went to Kiryat Malachi to visit our daughter, Naomi, her husband, Yehoshafat (Fati), and their baby daughter, Odi. They have been in Kiryat Malachi only a few months, but they're already well acquainted with the different houses of prayer; they know where to daven and when.

On Friday night, Fati suggested the

Kurdish synagogue. The sight was impressive. Like all the Sephardi synagogues I have visited, it was immaculately clean and well kept. On every seat there were colorful cushions or spreads. Oriental rugs covered the floor. As soon as we entered, one of the young ladies approached us with a prayer book and showed us where they were. It made us feel welcomed and accepted. So did her shy smile.

Most of the service was chanted aloud by a young cantor with a melodious voice. I was interested to note that the service was *Nusach Ashkenazi*, the standard liturgy for which the IDF is responsible. Ever since young men from all the various communities that make up the rich pattern of Israel were thrown together for army service, a solution had to be found to allow them to pray together. The Sephardi prayer book is quite different from the Ashkenazi, the Italian service is like no other and the Yemenite liturgy stamps them all.

So when the state was founded, the chief army chaplain introduced a unique and amalgamated type of pray-

er book which has gradually infiltrated the myriad synagogues of the land. As the older generation releases the leadership of the synagogues to the younger, more and more congregations are coming to pray in what we call "The Young People's Liturgy." However, this does not mean the unique and colorful customs of the ethnic groups are completely forgotten.

In our Kurdish shul, for example, the congregants chanted along with the cantor in their time-honored tunes, adding lusty "Ameens" and throwing two-handed kisses towards the Ark with outstretched hands. Everyone remained very friendly and, at the end of the service, we received hand-shakes from every woman or girl in the room, plus a pat on the head for Odi.

According to Naomi, "You get kissed on both cheeks if you come three or four times." I noticed that the seating arrangement was very Ashkenazi - in rows - unlike the Moroccan synagogue we attended the next morning.

The worshippers at the Mugrabi House of Prayer sat on hard wooden benches with oriental designs. The benches were placed around the room, all facing the central platform from which the cantor led the service. Here too, the congregants together with the cantor chanted the prayers aloud, even the "Amida," but the davening was liberally sprinkled with "modern" songs.

When the Torah was removed from the Ark, all the women kissed their fingers and opened their hands in the direction of the Ark. Some actually yodeled. One of the biggest yodelers, a stout grandmother, sprinkled rose water all around, even on Odi, who loved it. The Torah reading was a big deal in this synagogue, no doubt about it!

Through the gauze-like partition separating the men and women, I saw that when one of the men was called up to the Torah, different groups of youngsters stood up and waited until he returned to his seat.

"The sons of those called up to the

Torah stand up the whole time their father's on the *bima* [platform] to show respect," Naomi explained.

Later, she pointed out that the men who were called up to the Torah shook hands with each and every member of the congregation on their way back to their seats, and each time finished the custom by kissing the tips of their fingers.

"There's no chatting or gossiping during the service," I mentioned in awe to Naomi, but she pointed out some of the younger men, with kippot sort of perched on the top of their heads, who kind of sauntered into the street. "That's where they go to have a shmooze," I noticed that at the end of the service when they sang "Adon Olam," the kibitzers had all returned - maybe because they held a small reception right afterwards.

We saw another lovely custom in the Moroccan synagogue. When the "Priestly Blessing" was pronounced, all the fathers spread their tallitot and gathered their youngsters under them to prevent them from looking at the

kohanim who are invoking heavenly mercy. Sometimes, three generations were gathered under the tallit of a grandfather - a very beautiful sight.

"Where do you want to go for mincha?" asked Fati, and spread before us a medley of possibilities: the Habadnikim, the Yemenites, B'nei Akiva, the Kollel or the Tunisians. We chose the Kollel.

This was a traditional Ashkenazi service, exactly what we're used to. The cantor led the prayers, but a great deal was muttered silently. However, since the worshippers are all yeshiva couples from the nearby talmudic academy, Or Etzion, the prayers were long and fervent.

"The local people don't understand the *shokling* [swaying back and forth in prayer]," Naomi said with a smile.

"They think the davening here is pretty dry," added Fati.

To each his own, I thought, as we nodded to other worshippers leaving the synagogues of their choice, but what a lovely tapestry of devotion we have been privileged to weave in this land.

His life with Oscar Schindler

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE world again is silent. I don't know how they can be silent," Polish-born, Florida-based Holocaust survivor Ruth Freedman sits in the cozy living room of a Jerusalem relative's apartment and contemplates the indifference of the world to the ongoing carnage in Bosnia.

Her husband, Carl Freedman, is less inclined to speak of the Bosnian conflagration. The Bosnia, he points out, are fighting for land, whereas the purpose of the war against the Jews was their total extermination, for no reason other than that they were Jews.

Carl Freedman, 75, recently completed his book, *My Life with Oscar Schindler*, in which he documents the deprivations, humiliations and atrocities to which he was subjected in the Cracow Ghetto in *Dzialoszyce* (a small town near Cracow to which Jews were herded en masse), in the Bialystok labor camp, and in Theresienstadt, from which he was finally liberated by the Russians.

But the main thrust of the book is what it was like to have that life-saving privilege of being on Schindler's list.

"We came from hell to paradise," he says. "The soup was suddenly edible.... It was like freedom."

THE SON of Simcha Frydman, a well-known Cracow rabbi and cantor, Freedman, who was born across the road from the famous Rima Synagogue, formed a 12-member choir in the Cracow ghetto. Through his connection with a prominent member of the Jewish police who had known his father, Freedman (who remained with Schindler till 1944) was able to get his whole choir onto Schindler's list.

After entering Schindler's employ, the choir presented a concert every Sunday, with a repertoire which included several songs Freedman's father had composed.

This was Freedman's way of both maintaining morale and preserving his father's memory.

One of the members of that choir was a young man by the name of David Werdliger, who not only survived but went on to become one of the great singers of the Jewish world.

A few months after their November 1950 wedding in Boston, the Freedmans were walking in New York when they bumped into a man who had been with Carl Freedman in Plaszow.

Turning to Ruth Freedman, the man said: "Do you know what your husband did? With his songs and with his encouragement, he saved a lot of people."

Carl Freedman is still singing those songs and has, in fact, com-



Ruth and Carl Freedman: We came from hell to paradise, Carl says about being on Schindler's life-saving list. (Sara Ushitz)

posed to paper. This is his monument to his partially blind father who, in August 1942, was torn out of his grasp by a Ukrainian soldier, marched to the Jewish cemetery of *Dzialoszyce*, and shot along with some 1,600 other Jews who were considered too old or too incapacitated to work. Most of the victims were under 50 years of age.

When Freedman's choir was singing in the ghetto and in the camps, its members told people to be strong so that they could still be alive at the end of the war in order to tell the world what happened.

In the Freedmans' case, they didn't start to tell the world until nearly three years ago.

"It wasn't popular," Carl Freedman says. "People didn't think of it."

BUT PEOPLE began to think about it after Steven Spielberg began production of the film *Schindler's List*. The publicity generated by the Oscar-winning movie created a worldwide wave of Holocaust consciousness.

After seeing the film, people not only thought about the Holocaust, they talked about it, and wondered aloud if more could have been done to prevent it, or to at least bring World War II to a speedier conclusion.

"No film about the Holocaust was as effective," Ruth Freedman opines. "Till then, we were trying to protect our children and ourselves. Even now, every time we talk about it, it takes a lot out of us."

This new Holocaust awareness, half a century later, has made it easier for those survivors who could bring themselves to recount that chapter in their individual histories, to tell their stories to diverse audiences. Instead of being told to forget and get on with their lives, they are suddenly being barraged with questions.

Relatives, friends and even total strangers really want to know.

The Freedmans, who were interviewed last May by representatives of Steven Spielberg's Shoah Visual History Foundation, are in frequent demand as speakers.

The video team spent nine hours in the Freedmans' home recording their experiences. Ruth Freedman, who was born in Skarzysko, some 200 km from Warsaw, was 11 years old when the war broke out. She and her mother were separated from her father and younger brother, who did not survive.

Mother and daughter spent the first years of the war in the Skarzysko ghetto. Later, they were transported to a labor camp in Poland, and from there to another in Leipzig. The young Ruth, who was sickly, almost died from typhoid fever. Still weak after her recovery, she came down with pneumonia, and again almost died. On both occasions, Jewish doctors in the camps prepared her mother for the worst. Yet Ruth's best friend, Sala - a healthy, robust, rosy-cheeked girl - succumbed, while the frail Ruth somehow pulled through.

More than anyone else, the Freedmans speak to adolescents all over Florida, "where it is mandatory to teach junior high school students about the Holocaust," Ruth says.

"It's important that the message gets through and that it should not be denied," Ruth emphasizes. "If a book comes out and says it wasn't true, these kids will say that they have met people who survived that hell."

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A giant takes on a giant Holocaust project

Steven Spielberg is trying to capture the testimony of all living Holocaust survivors in an unprecedented multimedia archive

HE is 92 years old, blind and nearly deaf.

His interviewer speaks Bulgarian, shouting questions into his ear, painstakingly extracting stories about how it was during the Holocaust.

The old man has never before told anyone the stories, but he knows time is running out and he wants his grandchildren to understand.

When the conversation is over, he says simply: "Now I can die."

Branko Lustig has watched more of the interviews than anyone else. An executive producer for the film *Schindler's List*, he is now heading up another Steven Spielberg project, one that has nothing to do with box-office revenues or Academy Awards and everything to do with defeating time.

A Holocaust survivor himself, Lustig is an executive producer for Survivors of the Shoah, a nonprofit foundation that seeks to preserve the experiences of Holocaust survivors around the world by putting them into a multimedia archive for future generations.

"The majority of Holocaust survivors are in their seventies and eighties. The window for capturing their testimonies is closing fast," says Spielberg. "This archive will preserve history as told by people who lived it, and lived through it."

Lustig tells the story of the ailing Bulgarian man to explain how some people, so overwhelmed by the grief of decades past, have never told anyone what they witnessed.

"They're still looking for words to explain the horror," he says, "and they're crying every time, because the memories are coming back."

Lustig has seen more than 200 hours of interviews, but the volume hasn't dulled his interest in the subject. If anything, he is bolstered by the task's magnitude. "It's very difficult to get to the truth," he says. "The revisionists, all around the world, they're saying it never existed."

SIGI HART remembers very clearly the day the synagogues started burning.

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THE SHEER size of the archive is daunting, even for a giant like Spielberg.

He seeded the project with the profits from *Schindler's List*. The interviews for the archive are scheduled to last through 1997 at a cost of \$50m-\$60 m.

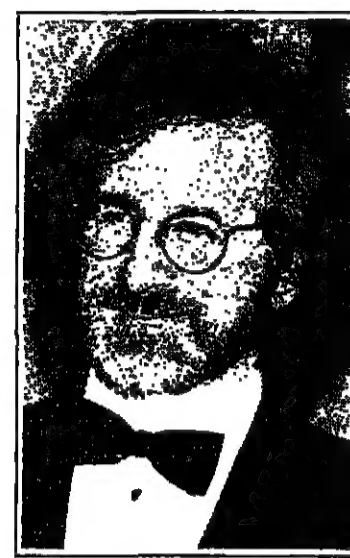
This year, 16 taping centers around the world are scheduled to be up and running, with interviews taken in English, Yiddish, Ladino, and other languages.

Among the archive's possible applications are documentaries, books and CD-ROM programs for schools.

Tucked away in a trailer on the lot of Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment, senior producers June Beallor and James Moll oversee the operations that culminate in 64 interviews a day.

Moll leaves the screening room when he gives a reporter a promotional tape containing excerpts from some of the interviews. He's seen it before, but it still disturbs him.

The survivors are so candid, their pain is still so raw. Some display pictures of friends or relatives who have long been buried in mass graves, their spirits captured by the halting testimony. "It is essential that we see their



Spielberg: The window for getting survivors' testimonies is closing fast.

(Universal Pictorial Press) faces, hear their voices and understand that the horrendous events of the Holocaust happened to people, and were committed by people," Spielberg said. "This project stands as a monument to remembering the past, and to always examining our present."

Interviews are about two hours long and unedited: people talk about experiences before, during and after the war. Philosophy creeps in. Memories flow back. And, more often than not, tears are shed.

"It gets sort of in your skin," says Beallor. "It's just so important, because history has a way of repeating itself."

"You're talking to an old romantic," says Henry Rosmarin. Like Sigi Hart, he remembers how his family's synagogue was burned down. It was in Poland and he was 14 that year, the hot September of 1939, and people gathered at a house to pray using scrolls salvaged from the synagogue.

Rosmarin went outside to escape the stifling heat, and when he looked upstairs, a group of girls giggled. One of them caught his eye: she had great dark eyes and black hair.

"I met this little girl and really liked her - I guess, puppy love," he says.

Rosmarin asked in every camp about her. The last he heard, she was in Auschwitz with typhoid; there seemed little chance of a reunion.

After the war, Rosmarin returned to Poland, where he found his brother and a cousin. Four months later, the cousin was in the market square when she was approached by a girl who asked whether any Jews lived there.

As they talked, the cousin recognized the girl from a picture Rosmarin carried around, and brought her home.

"And there she stood," Rosmarin remembers. "Something in the eyes... her dark eyes were still the same."

They have been married for 48 years.

THE FOUNDATION has already collected more than 1,300 interviews, and hopes to speak with one-fourth of the 300,000 survivors worldwide during the next two years.

It took Susan Berger three months to coordinate a trip to Auschwitz, where crews from the foundation interviewed 37 people who returned for the 50th anniversary of its liberation.

Unlike most of the survivors in the archive, who are interviewed at home or in a synagogue, the Auschwitz survivors - some of whom were saved by Oskar Schindler - were filmed against the backdrop of their nightmares.

"It was very heavy... I thought I knew so much about the Shoah," Berger says. "I realized how much more there is that we don't know." (AP)

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Singles on the verge: Feeling low on the High Holidays

Holidays may not be easy for single folks, but it isn't necessarily a picnic for families either, writes Michal Yudelman

AS the holidays approach, a strange malaise seems to creep over singles.

Those carefree, devil-may-care souls, always traipsing in droves from party to pub, suddenly come down with unsociable symptoms. Thousands migrate to the airport and over the horizon; those who can't, mill around in circles, plunging downward into deepening gloom, like depressed lemmings.

Many feel hunted, as if the holidays were "open season" on singles. "It always happens at this time of year," says Yossi, a single businessman in his late 30s. "It's like someone fired the signal - and the singles hunt is on."

"Weeks before you even think of it, relatives or well-meaning friends corner you: 'What are you doing for the holidays?' If you answer truthfully 'Nothing, why?' as I did for years, you fall right into the ambush. 'That's it, you're coming to our place,' they say, and you've had it, there's no way out."

The more sophisticated have their prepackaged answers ready. Others have their prepackaged tickets booked a year in advance.

Within the tribe, the singles call the holiday season Black September, convinced it is God's little annual joke on singles.

Nothing brings out their insecurities like the holidays, when they stand out like sore thumbs among the "normals."

"It's like the whole rest of the world is one big happy family sitting around a dinner table, candles lit, covered with delicacies, while I'm left out in the cold," says Nira, an attorney in her mid-30s.

But the ambushed ones - those with no excuse and no plane ticket - sit frozen at compulsory family dinners, facing a legendary Aunt Bracha they have somehow managed to avoid all year. The holiday refrains come through the air: "How come you're not married yet?" "Have I got a match for you?"

"All of a sudden, there's this feeling of growing, suffocating depression," says Irene, a single mother of one, "as if the world is closing in on me."

"Perhaps if I had my family around me it would be different," she continues. "But it's the feeling of having nowhere to go. Not that I don't get invited to spend the holidays with friends. But that just seems to make it worse."

"There's no work, lots of free time, and nothing to do with it. Suddenly you're thrown back onto yourself and have no choice but to think, 'Where did I go



wrong?" says Bentzi, a widower in his early 40s. "You reach the inevitable conclusion that you're a failure. You've got to be. Or else how come you're all alone? You didn't even have the brains to get the hell out of here before the holidays began."

Nita Rieger, a 45-year-old teacher, was unaware of the holi-

day blues until she got divorced.

"It's an associative thing," she says. "I have such wonderful childhood memories of Pessah and the High Holy Days, and afterwards the holidays were for celebrating with my family and children. Since the divorce, I just never managed to recapture that feeling."

Psychotherapist Alyne Bat-Haim has noticed "it" usually starts about three weeks before Rosh Hashana.

"Some of my patients feel the world closing in on them. I was away for two weeks and one of them just couldn't handle it," Bat-Haim says. "One actually screamed, 'I gotta get out of here, I can't bear it,' as soon as she came in."

"The sad thing is, instead of dealing with the situation, people run away from it. They don't want to look inside themselves and turn this time into a meaningful period."

"In the US, there are more alternatives for single people, so there's less pressure. But even there they have the Christmas depression. I think this is a terrible mistake, because we can turn family gatherings into significant occasions."

"Single people tend to idealize family life and fantasize how great it would be to be part of a family again," Bat-Haim continues. "They feel rootless and unworthy, and conclude, 'I have no family, I am unlovable; I am unlovable, I have no family.'"

"Basically, people are looking for meaning in their lives and the holiday season offers this opportunity. Unfortunately, many can't see that and become depressed, or develop 'anti-holiday tactics' - like group barbecues on Yom Kippur or just going abroad."

The Israel Association for Marital and Family Therapy holds a round-table discussion to prepare for clients' holiday blues. There are a number of ways of

looking at it, therapist Tsafy Gil-ead says. For lonely people, the holidays "enhance the fantasy that everyone else is settled with families and they alone are not. They feel more isolated than ever during the holidays - no family, no work framework, and even their therapist may be away at the time they need one most. One of the things we talked about at the round-table is how severance from the therapist affects the patient and how to deal with it."

"In divorced families the choice of parent for the children to spend the holidays with is a source of conflict," Gil-ead adds. "The parent left without the children feels even more alone. Many unmarried or divorced parents simply leave the country so they don't have to deal with the absence."

However, it seems holiday time is not picnic time for all married couples either.

"The power struggle between the parent families of married couples over whom the young couple will join for the holidays is a major source of tension," Gil-ead says.

Dr. Israel Wald, a social-clinical psychologist, has a wider view of "the depression."

"It's a universal phenomenon, call it a hormonal element if you will, which people tend to experience during September-October without reference to the holidays," he explains. "There is a recurring cycle of depression during the change of seasons, related to ion movement in the air, to alterations in light and dark. This is the time in which wars and depressions break out."

Wald says he believes that unless a single person has a supportive framework, the holidays can be very problematic. Those who don't have a family nearby can envy those who do - and vice versa.

"The Jewish people are extremely family-oriented, with an emphasis on families during the holidays," he says. "If you don't have one, or can't present someone as 'family,' you've got a problem."

"With families, the holiday pressure-cooker explodes about a month after the holidays - not in front of Aunt Sonia and the extended family. During the family meals you have no choice but to take it."

The element people too often fail to see in this period is hope for the future.

"The holidays are not just the end of the year. They are the beginning of a new year," Wald points out.

"This is a time when everybody can sum up their achievements and ask themselves: 'What am I, anyway?' Some get depressed about their overdraw in the bank, or their aging car," he says. "Others see all their dreams to change the world dissolving in smoke. Night falls early and suddenly the whole world looks gray."

The trick, Wald says, "is to recognize that element of hope."

He concludes: "The meaning of the holiday is a reopening of the gate, to borrow a phrase from the Yom Kippur prayer. The fortunate ones are those who can accept the hope. They can see that, after winter, there is always spring."

From ladders to lenses, it's all in the bag

ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

READERS of this column have been asking: What do professional photographers on assignment carry in their bulging camera bags? One answer is, of course, what you'd expect: cameras, lenses, filters, flash guns, extra lighting and assorted films.

But of far more interest are the nonphotographic "bits and bobs" different professionals consider absolutely essential to their work.

A benchmark starting point for our study is Robert Kincaid, the romantic hero of Robert James Waller's novel, *The Bridges of Madison County*. On a fictional assignment for *National Geographic* to photograph wooden bridges, he took along with him his dog called "Highway," his pickup truck called "Harry," his guitar and a cooler full of beer.

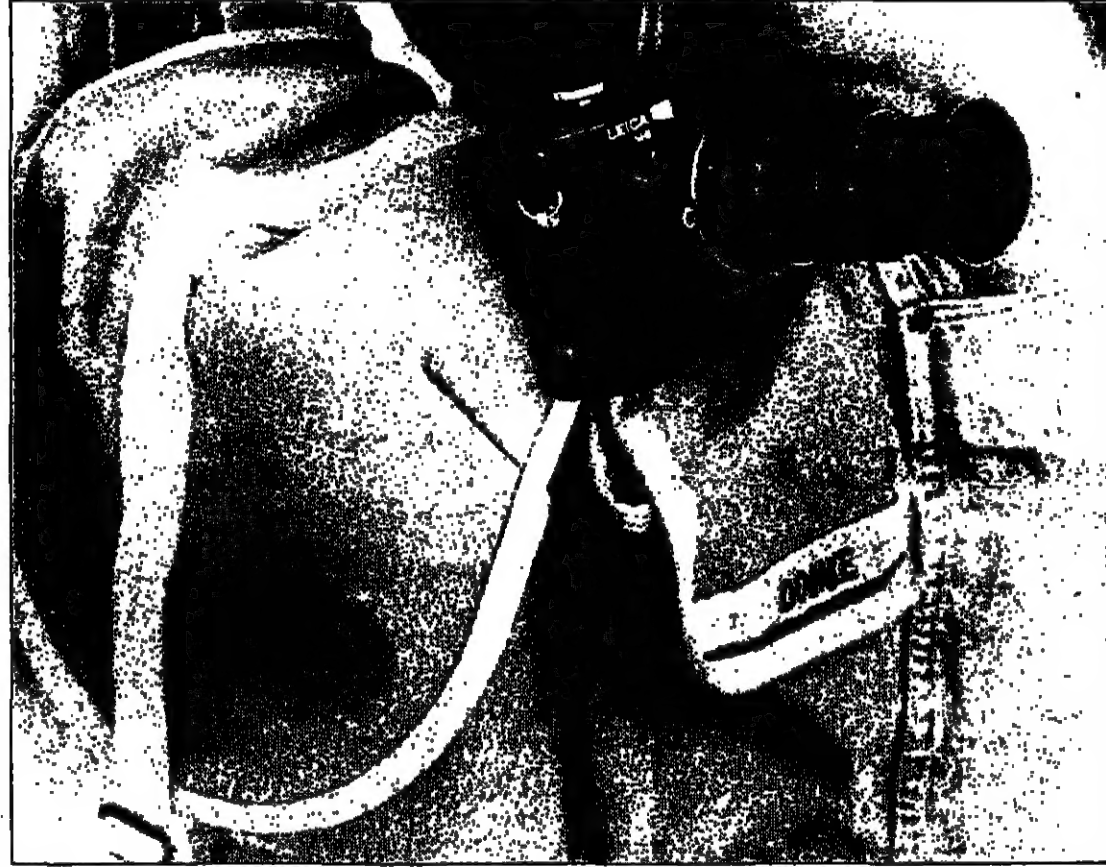
In its August issue, *National Geographic* angrily pans "this

guy Robert Kincaid. Photographer." In real life, *NG* photographers are far more practical. It's all cameras and film.

"However, one *NG* man, Cary Wolinsky," admits to carrying "a lucky bean, a tree seed that fell into his camera bag on his first assignment and it's been there ever since."

In her book, *Purple Heart Valley*, war photographer Margaret Bourke-White described the equipment she carried with her to Italy in 1944 on assignment for *Life* magazine. She brought "seven cameras with their 30-odd lenses, their infinite repair parts, along with a sufficient quantity of film and peanut flash bulbs to last half a year." Her camera gear alone weighed in at a whopping 113 kilos.

In addition, Bourke-White also carried summer and winter uniforms, a bedroll, a typewriter and "skirts for those occasions



The professional photographer's gadget bag contains all the tricks of the trade. (David Brauner)

when even a war photographer has to wear a skirt."

In the aftermath to veteran Israeli photographer Alex Gal's new book, *With My Own Eyes* one sentence popped off the page: "In Alex's [gadget] bag one could find pistols, knives, a cowboy hat, binoculars, dernier cri driving gloves, a Pierre Cardin designed gear-stick lever and all the horrors any sane man would prefer his friends not to know about." Here, the truth is stranger than fiction.

The doyen of Israeli press photographers, David Rubinger, is famous for the step ladder he brings to his assignments. In the hubbub of a well-attended press conference, the ladder gives Rubinger the advantage of extra height over the competition.

In addition to carrying two camera bodies and three zoom lenses, Jerusalem photographer Douglas Guthrie also packs a film leader retriever. This little gadget fishes out ends of films re wound into the spool. Guthrie notes on the leader the number of frames he's fired off. On reloading the film, he begins at the next frame, thus cutting costs.

The problem of film leader retrieval arises because today's automated cameras have built-in rewinds, so photographers can no longer leave the film end sticking out of the canister for reuse as they once did with manual cameras.

Guthrie also stocks candy mints as a quick pick-me-up whenever he feels the need for an energy boost during an assignment.

Professional historian and photographer Dr. Joel Fishman is a Leica enthusiast. In addition to packing two camera bodies and three lenses ranging from a 21-mm. wide-angle to a 90-mm. short telephoto, he always makes sure his bag is stocked with calling cards. He also candidly admits to not going anywhere on assignment without fast-acting Imodium tablets just in case he has "to settle a sudden attack of butterflies."

Other "accessories" that find their way into the professional's camera bags are cloth-backed gaffer's tape, scissors, pocket-knives, rubber bands, safety pins, florist's wire, paper clips, pens and pads. Also of great importance these days are plenty of spare batteries.

By the way, this photographer never takes the camera instructions out of his bag. For routine tasks, his camera is like the back of his hand, but when more rarely performed operations are required, it helps to have the instruction booklet at hand to prod the memory about which button does what.

THE Tel Aviv Camera Club is conducting a two-day seminar for amateurs at Kibbutz Gezer on Friday and Saturday, December 29-30. The NIS 250 admission fee includes full board. Topics include nature, archeology, landscape and studio photography.

For further information, call Moshe Taub (05) 571-7189 in the evening or Ira Director (08) 270646 during the day.

Earth-saving steps for the New Year

EARTHLY CONCERNS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

WHENEVER the new year comes along, everyone has a tendency to evaluate the past year and this often leads to resolutions that will affect their lives throughout the coming year. Many of these decisions are completely personal, but some can affect the environment.

It is easy to despair about the multitude of environmental problems that beset us, for all too often doing anything about them is beyond our capabilities as individuals.

They are problems that often require new legislation and nationwide campaigns to implement improvements.

But there are some problems that we can face alone and, if we cannot change everything, we can at least minimize our own part in contributing to them. Some of them are simple and can be undertaken by people of all ages, even children. Others are more suitable to adults, but they are all contributions that we can make as individuals. Here are some suggestions that may make our environment better for all of us.

Resolved: I will not litter at any time and in any place. I will package the remains of picnics and cook-outs and put them in a garbage bin.

Resolved: I will be aware of the serious problem of noise pollution and act accordingly, whether it is a question of loud music or of a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle. I will remember that a quieter place is a better place to live.

Resolved: I will not waste water. I will turn off taps while brushing my teeth, do dishes in a basin instead of under a running tap, wash the car with a pail and

sponge, water gardens only after sundown and conserve water in every other way that I can.

Resolved: Wherever possible I will recycle. If the infrastructure for this is not available, I will remember that conservation has three R's - recycle, reuse, and reduce consumption. I will use one plastic bag less per week. If each person in Israel did so there would be 20 million fewer plastic bags in the garbage-disposal sites every month.

Resolved: If possible I will use unleaded gasoline. Most cars in Israel can use this lead-free fuel safely. Sometimes a minor adjustment is needed. But the cost of excess lead in the environment - damaged brains of young children - is too high for us to continue to allow it.

Resolved: I will not sit in the car with the motor running in order to "warm the engine." Mechanical engineering experts all say that there is no advantage to be gained by this practice, the motor works just as hard as it would if the warm-up was accomplished by driving away slowly. All the idling does is send clouds of pollutants right into the air you and your children are breathing.

Resolved: I will save electricity. I will turn off lights when they are not in use and keep the refrigerator and freezer properly defrosted so that they do not consume excessive electricity. I will use the air conditioner only when necessary and in cold weather I will dress warmly and reduce the temperature setting.

None of these steps can be thought of as particularly earth-shaking, but by following them each of us knows that we are doing what we personally can to improve our environmental quality.

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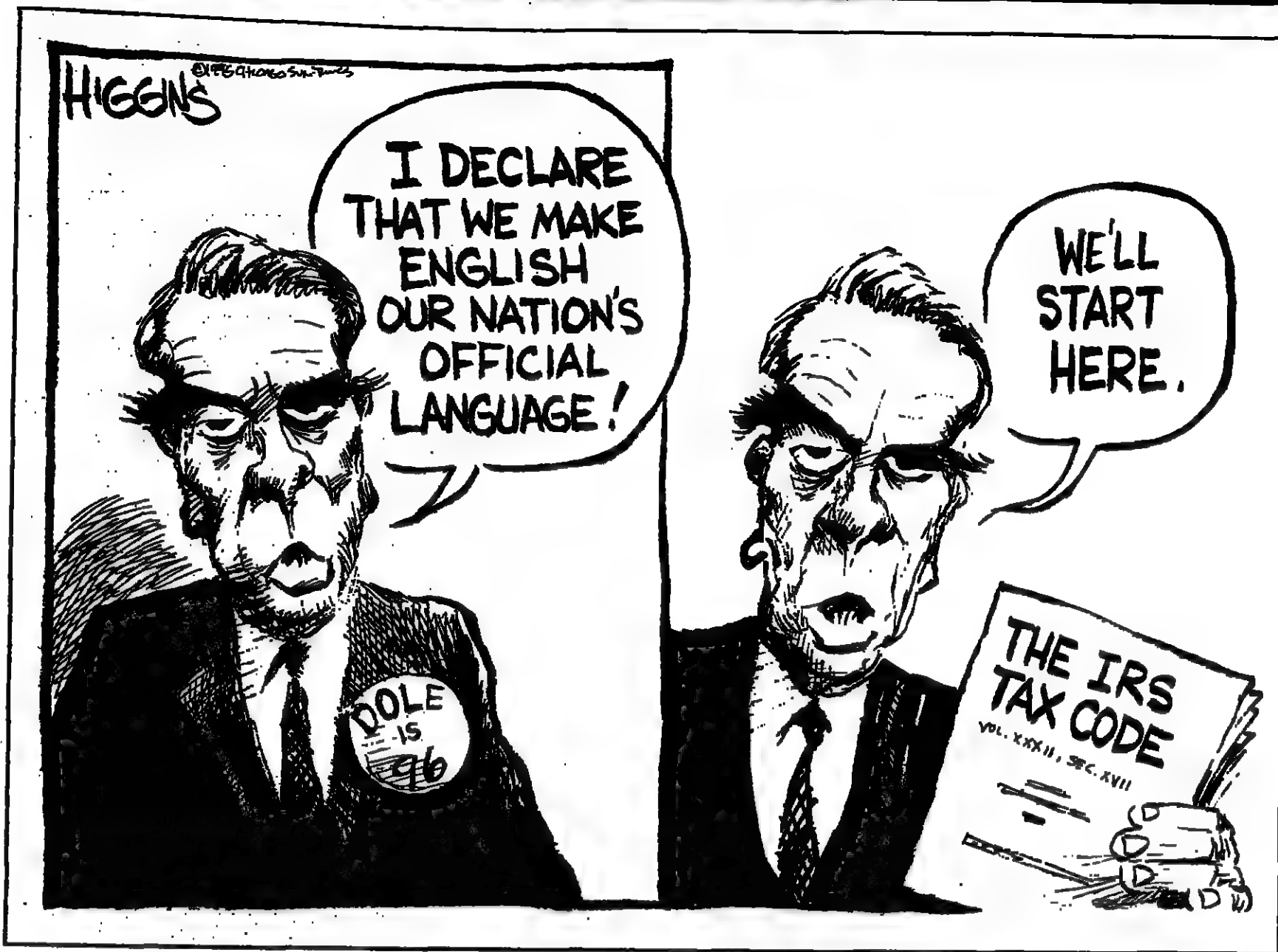
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Big Zero

Fiscal showdown is overblown

BY MATTHEW MILLER

Ordinarily I'm not big on predictions, but the Washington buzz on the fiscal showdown ahead is so overblown and misguided that concerned budget fetishists have to speak up. The hype has it that we're headed for a "train wreck," meaning that the president will veto the deep domestic spending cuts Congress sends him, and Congress won't have the votes to override the veto. As a result, we'll face a government "shutdown," since without the enacted appropriations bills needed to fund federal operations for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, we'll have to close up shop, bringing unspecified horrors.

The likeliest outcome is far different: There will be a train wreck but no government shutdown. Alas, there will also be no compromise. By December, when the sound and fury has been exhausted, there's a strong chance that the entire budget will simply be put on hold until after the next election. After another year of huffing and puffing, that means it's back to the drawing board again.

Here's a sketch of the Kabuki dance that could lead to this Big Zero.

October 1. Some appropriations bills have been signed, but not the "big four," which fund the departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, Commerce, Justice, State and Defense. These bills contain the GOP's headline cuts in education, training, research and foreign aid.

Either after a Clinton veto or in anticipation of it, Congress passes what's called a "continuing resolution" (or "CR") that temporarily funds these agencies in the absence of an enacted appropriations bill. The crucial wrinkle this time is that since Congress has already voted to decimate Clinton investments like national service, there's no way the president will accept a "lower of House and Senate" CR — at least not without a fight.

The finger-pointing and theatrics thus reach their first crescendo. Newt and Company claim they've done the responsible thing by passing the "usual" CR to let negotiations proceed, just as Democratic congresses did under Republican presidents. Clinton, countering that the CR would force him to bow in advance to extreme cuts the American people don't support,

vetoes it. This is the "government shutdown."

Or is it? As a practical matter, nonessential bureaucrats in the unfunded agencies (HUD, HHS, Commerce, etc.) are sent home without pay. But Social Security checks still go out, air traffic controllers stop planes from crashing, and so on. For 99 percent of Americans, the "shutdown" is an event on the evening news.

November 15. The crowded calendar means that Congress finishes the big "reconciliation" bill (which covers tax and entitlement changes) only now. This is also when the government's borrowing authority is likely to run out, along with the temporary CR enacted to end the "shutdown." The reconciliation bill includes the big GOP tax cut and relies on a vague but CBO-approved "cap" on Medicare spending to achieve balance by 2002.

It's crunch time. The president vetoes the reconciliation bill, asking how the GOP can slash sick old people to pay for tax cuts for the rich. But the bill he vetoes also has in it the debt limit extension, without which the government could default on its bonds and send markets into a nosedive.

In the penultimate move in this game of chicken, Dole and Gingrich say no. Republicans have passed the revolution the country asked for, and it's on the president's desk. If Bill Clinton is such an out-of-touch liberal that he won't approve the American people's desire to cut taxes, cut spending, save Medicare, reform welfare, shrink government and balance the budget, why then he'll just have to bear the blame for a worldwide financial meltdown himself!

At this point, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin walks into the Oval Office for a quiet conversation. "Yes, we're about to hit the \$4.9 trillion debt limit," he says. "And if I can't keep borrowing, I won't have the cash to pay the \$25 billion in interest on Treasury bills that's due Wednesday. But here's an idea. \$1.3 trillion of that \$4.9 trillion in debt is held by the government's trust funds for Social Security, federal pensions and Medicare. I'll 'reduce' that debt by however much we like and credit a new checking account at the Treasury for the same amount."

"Run that by me again," the president says.

"It's just an internal bookkeeping entry," Rubin explains. "We take a dollar's worth of Treasury bills out of the Social Security trust fund. Then we set up an interest-bearing checking account for the Social Security trust fund somewhere else in Treasury and put a dollar in

there. Since our official debt is lowered, there's more room to borrow under the official debt limit. And Social Security is unaffected. It's called 'disinvestment' of the trust funds." Rubin winks.

December: The finale. Once Republicans realize the president can credibly avoid a default, and that the media glazes over when they challenge his methods, they agree to a budget summit. We're less than two months from the New Hampshire primary.

The president, meanwhile, privately hates his own budget proposals, let alone the prospect of ending up somewhere in the middle. They cut too deeply into his cherished investments, and were only offered as an expedient. But with a clear shot to make his case in the campaign again, maybe he no longer needs a compromise. If he wins, he'll have moved the electorate toward his expansive goals.

At the height of the final impasse, Dole dines with the president privately in the Residence.

"Isn't it time for us both to just 'stand on principle'...?" Dole asks wryly.

"Blame each other for being unreasonable..." says Clinton, continuing the thought.

"...and take it to the voters? We can put the whole budget on a 12-month CR. Been done before. Freeze everything in place. Let the people decide."

At a joint press conference the next day the Grand Stalemate is announced. A 12-month CR to keep the status quo, with the campaign to settle these "fundamentally different visions" of America's future.

Meanwhile, every year that goes by without real budget progress brings us a year closer to baby-boomers' retirement, and a terrible reckoning. We can't free up resources to meet emerging national needs, let alone stem the tide of debt and unfunded promises that hang over our kids. Maybe we'll muddle through without a third-party revolution. But like I said, I'm not much for predictions.

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Powell impedes GOP revolution

BY ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — "So, that's pro-choice," Colin Powell concluded in summarizing his views on abortion for interviewer Barbara Walters. When ABC distributed a transcript of Friday's "20/20" broadcast, it became clear that if the retired general enters the race for the Republican presidential nomination, it will be as the counter-revolutionary candidate.

Serious Republican politicians abjure the "pro-choice" label even if it accurately describes their views. Powell, long active in Washington's corridors of power, is not naive. His self-description on abortion and his newly stated positions on affirmative action, gun control and school prayer appear to be conscious efforts to separate him from the Republican revolution.

WAR

Powell effectively declared war on elements of the GOP base — from the Christian Coalition to the National Rifle Association. The general has heard more from upper-income Republicans who abhor the party's stance against abortion than from grass-roots activists.

That is bad news for those Republicans who ever since Powell's retirement have viewed him as the next Eisenhower. But it also explains the excitement in the capital among the bipartisan establishment. Powell is the best hope — far better than President Clinton — for keeping the status quo.

The publication party for Powell's book, "My American Journey," did not attract many Republican members of Congress.



But there were hundreds of lobbyists, journalists and government officials past and present — contradicting any popular image of Powell as a non-political outsider. The very people who cringed in fear four years ago when Ross Perot burst on the scene now welcome the general as their savior.

REACTION

The reaction from Republican revolutionaries has been swift. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) said Powell's nomination "would be a mistake, because I think it would split the party." Rep. John Kasich told me: "You can't lead the party or the United States without a philosophy. Common sense is not a philosophy." To Kasich, no Republican who backs abortion rights can be nominated.

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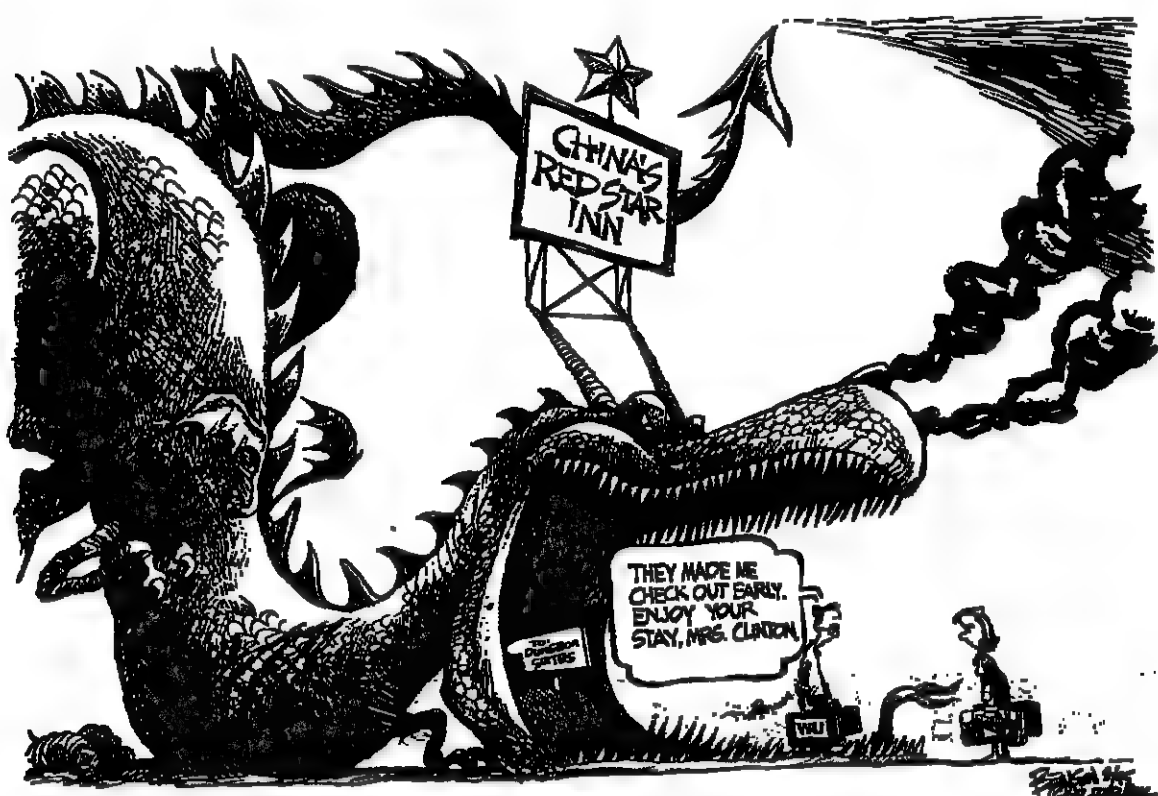
As for Newt Gingrich's implication that he and the general share the same posture, he told reporters he was merely saying that Powell as a candidate would "fill up the space" and so preclude his own candidacy. In fact, the speaker feels Powell is the last hope of the failed philosophy of big government.

The same Washington establishmentarians who rejoice over Powell are contemptuous of publisher Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes Jr., whose announcement as a candidate is expected this week. Unlike Powell, Forbes believes the present crop of Republican candidates is not revolutionary enough. Forbes also has trouble handling abortion, but he is careful not to label himself as "pro-choice." He is not firing on the foot soldiers of the Republican Party, and that in itself is an auspicious beginning.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Religious right gains power

BY JOHN JUDIS

You wouldn't know it from the standing-room-only crowds that packed the Washington Hilton for the Christian Coalition's annual conference last week, but there are severe limits to what the coalition, and more broadly the Christian right, can accomplish politically. These limits become apparent whenever the religious right begins to win power, and not merely wield influence, in cities and states. Look at what has happened recently in Merrimack, N.H.

In the May 1994 school board election, Shelly Uscinski, a volunteer for Pat Buchanan in 1992 and the president of the Republican women's club, defeated incumbent board chairman Ken Coleman by three votes. Uscinski's campaign literature stressed her support for "improving the quality of education," but in a low-turnout campaign, she relied on support from the town's two fundamentalist ministers who opposed the introduction of an AIDS curriculum, and on mailings from conservative taxpayer groups.

Once in office, Uscinski joined forces with two recently elected council members, Chris Ager and Virginia Twardosky, to advance the agenda of the religious right. The three of them, forming a "majority bloc" on the five-member board, pushed through a moment of silent prayer, tossed out the school's health curriculum, and banned Planned Parenthood literature. They also rejected a new plan for a voluntary interdisciplinary school-within-the-school on the dubious grounds that it was "outcome-based education," a charge that has become a religious right shibboleth. When I asked Uscinski to explain what outcome-based education is, she said, "It is very difficult to explain. It is getting away from academics, listening to your attitudes and feelings."

Coleman and the board minority immediately accused Uscinski, Twardosky and Ager of doing the Christian Coalition's bidding, but the three denied belonging to the organization. That was undoubtedly true. Like many religious conservatives, they had been fellow-travelers rather than dues-paying members. But in September 1994, the coalition paid Uscinski's expenses to address last year's "Road to Victory" conference in Washington, where, she said, she was "in Republican heaven." Afterwards, she joined the coalition, and both she and Twardosky began attending strategy meetings.

Uscinski's membership in the Christian Coalition infuriated her opponents, but like the proposal for a moment of silence, it might have passed unnoticed in Merrimack. In January, however, fundamentalist minister Paul Norwalt, who had backed Uscinski and Twardosky's election, proposed that Merrimack schools include teaching of creationism in its science curriculum. The two women both defended Norwalt. Twardosky told The Boston Globe, "If you're only going to teach evolution, then your God is King Kong. I'm sorry — my children and grandchildren did not come from apes."

Knowing they would lose, the majority bloc tabled Norwalt's proposal until after the May school board election. But the election proved a disaster. With 4,086 citizens voting, 1,000 more than ever before, Coleman and one of the minority incumbents won the two open seats with a 1,500 vote margin over their religious right opponents.

As Coalition Director Ralph Reed understands, the religious right can succeed publicly as long as it couches its religious concerns in popular, universal terms and supports Republicans such as Bob Dole or Phil Gramm.

In July, Ager unveiled a proposal, adapted from religious right efforts in Texas and California, for bidding teachers from presenting homosexuality "in a positive light" and counselors from referring gay students to homosexual organizations. Coleman tried to get counselors to introduce a substitute resolution that forbade the district from "promoting" homosexuality, but the board's majority insisted on its broader wording.

The majority hoped to recoup their popularity with the anti-gay stance, but instead it confirmed growing fears that Merrimack was becoming what one resident called a "Gooberville in Arkansas." Ager, Uscinski and Twardosky are probably finished. Says Coleman, "My appraisal is that these people couldn't get re-elected if they were giving out \$100 bills to everybody." They

even face problems with their most devoted followers. "I was completely ignored," Norwalt said. "I have chosen to start my own school, where I can teach the truth..."

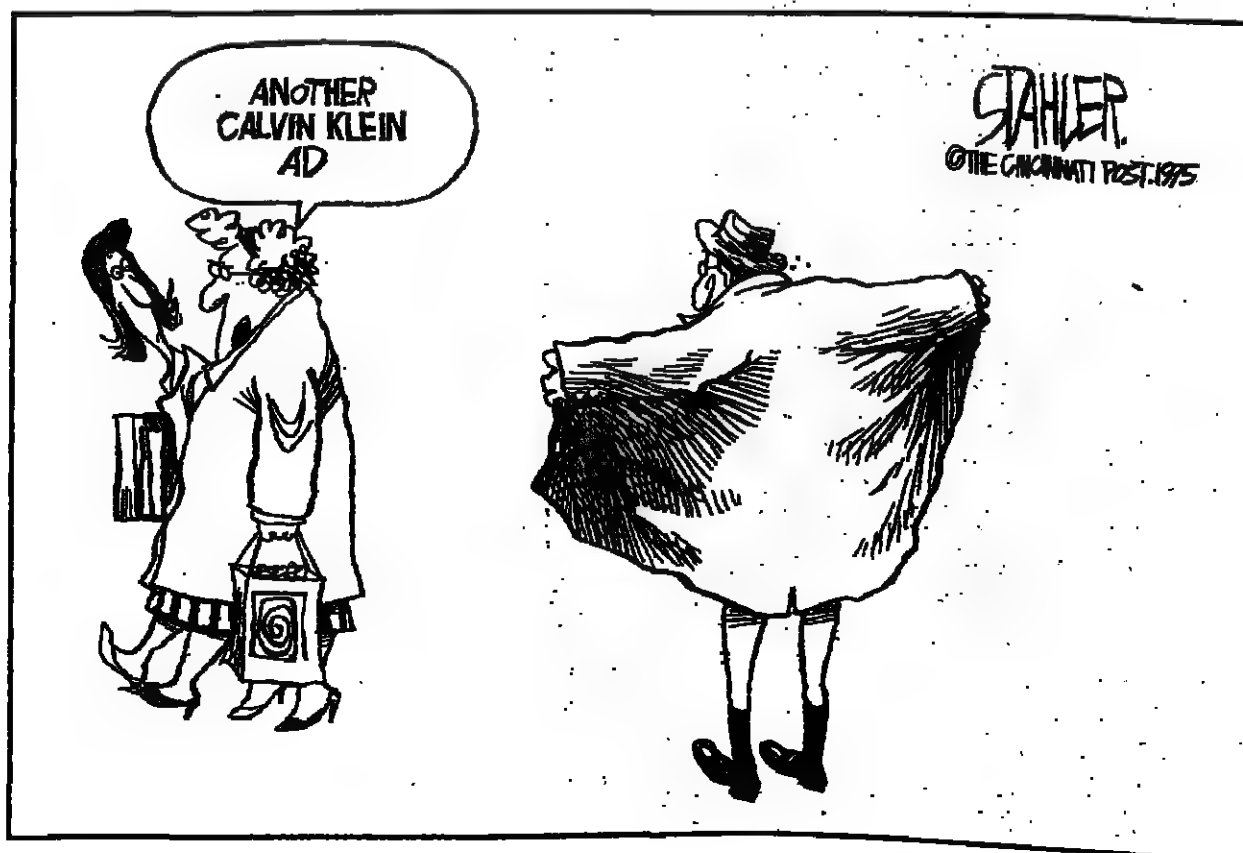
The events in Merrimack show that when religious conservatives push not merely token reforms like a moment of silence (which the sincerely devout recognize as a canard), but proposals that contain explicit religious content, they are likely to be repudiated. And Merrimack, which is similar to suburban communities in New Jersey, Virginia and Massachusetts, is typical of the new America. Its voters are more Republican than Democrat, but they support Bill Weld and Christie Whitman rather than Ollie North and Pat Buchanan. If the religious right can't win in Merrimack, it won't ever be able to set the nation's agenda.

Merrimack also demonstrates the dilemma that the religious right faces as a sectarian movement. As Coalition Director Ralph Reed understands, it can succeed publicly as long as it couches its religious concerns in popular, universal terms and supports Republicans such as Bob Dole or Phil Gramm. Reed has been less of identifying the coalition with Buchanan, even though many of the coalition's rank-and-file back him. But when the coalition pursues a path of radical reform, it risks alienating Norwalt and its most fanatic followers. Without the fundamentalist ministers and their churches, the Christian Coalition would become just another direct mail-financed letter-head organization.

More important, the imbroglio in the New Hampshire suburb testifies to the Christian right's nugatory contribution to American education. Ager, Uscinski and Twardosky all pledged to improve the quality of education in Merrimack, but they did precious little to change what actually goes on in classrooms. Instead, they have embroiled the school board in sterile controversies about school prayer, quackery and homosexuality. In Merrimack and elsewhere, parents have real worries about how schools are preparing their children for an economy and society that stresses skills and concepts that didn't exist two decades ago. The Christian right appears to be the last group in America equipped to address those concerns.

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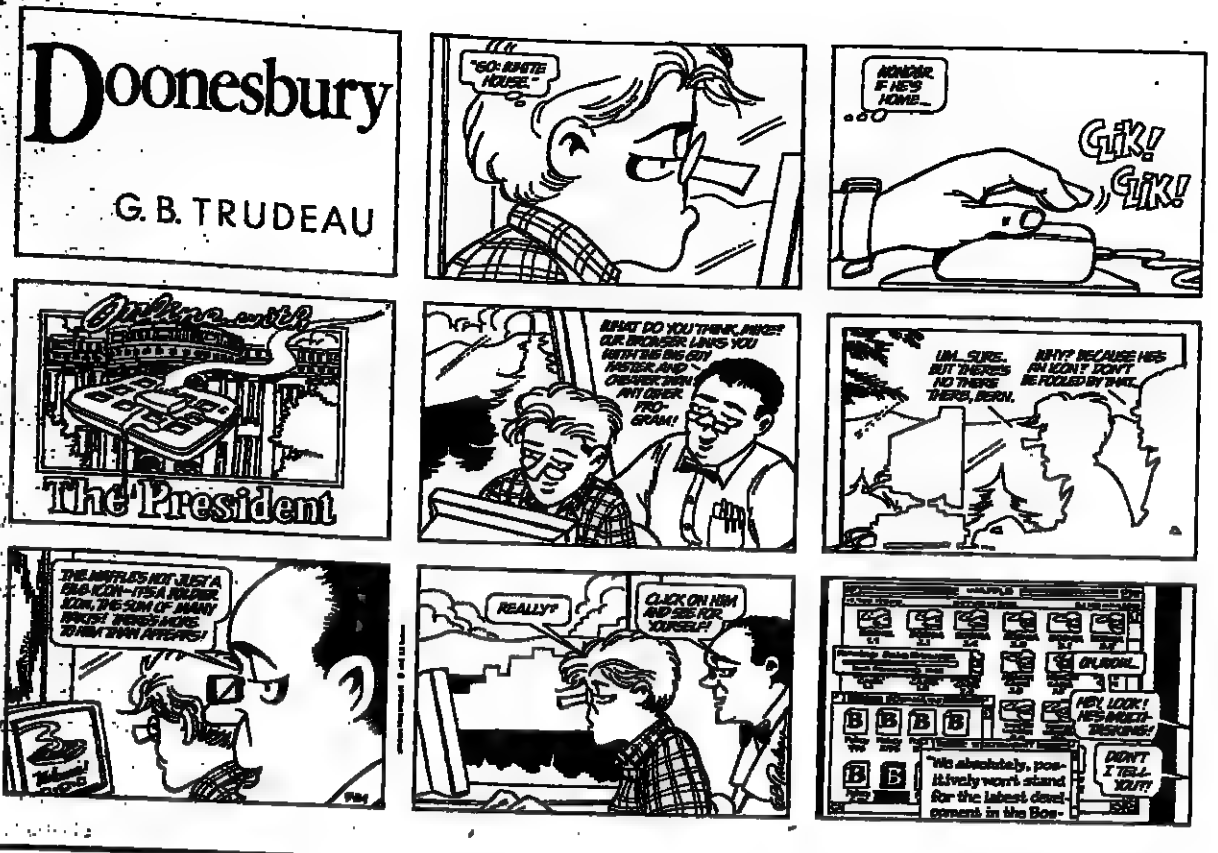
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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU



PEANUTS

OH, NO!

AH-CHOO!

BONK!

SORRY, MANAGER... I WAS UNDER THAT ONE, AND THEN I SNEEZED...

BLESS YOU!



STP

IS THIS THE POLL DAY?

NO, I'M DRIVING AN OTHER GUY.

WE NEED A CAMPAIGN BLOOD DONOR.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS TIME.

WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE VOTERS.

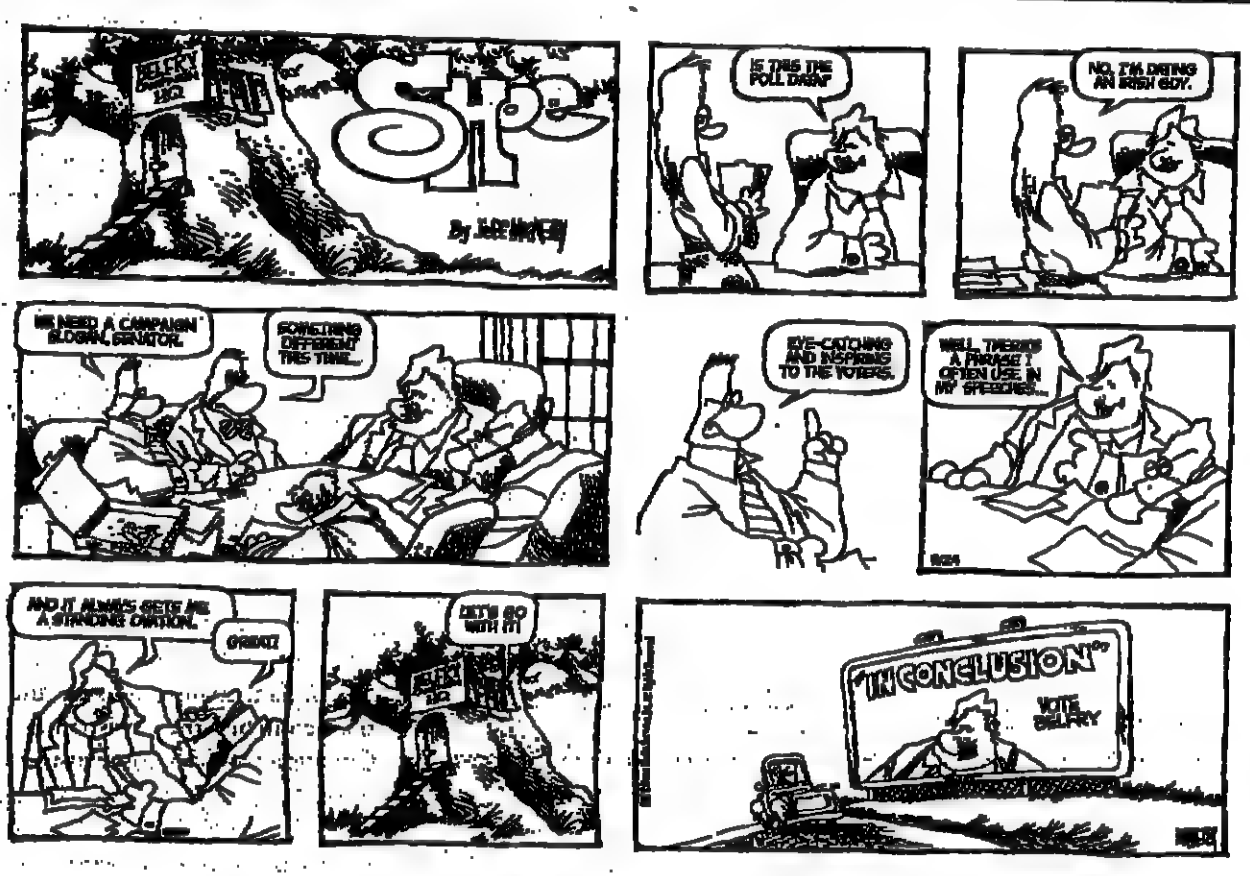
WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF OPEN USE IN MY OFFICE.

AND IT ALWAYS GETS IN A STRONG POSITION.

OH, NO!

HE LOVES ME...

SPLORK



Calvin and Hobbes

THE CENTER SHIPS THE BALL TO THE QUARTERBACK!

NO HE DOESN'T!

HE DOESN'T!

HE'S THE QUARTERBACK FOR THE OTHER TEAM! HE KEEPS THE BALL.

A TRAVELER! CALVIN BREAKS FOR THE GOAL!

WHEEE! HE'S AT THE 30 - THE 20 - THE 10! NOBODY CAN CATCH HIM!

Nobody wants to! Nobody wants to catch him!

WHEN I LARGED UP, I SWISHED GOALS THIS IS YOUR GOAL! AND MINE HIDE!

UNTIL NEVER FIND IT IN A MILLION YEARS!

I DON'T NEED TO FIND IT! AS A TRAVELER TO YOUR TEAM, CROSSING MY GOAL COUNTS AS CROSSING YOUR GOAL!

ALL YOU MIGHT THINK SO.

IN FACT, I KNOW SO!

BUT THE PLACE I HAD MY GOAL IS RIGHT ON TOP OF YOUR GOAL, SO THE POINTS WILL GO TO ME!

BUT THE FACT IS, I'M REALLY A DOUBLE AGENT! I'M ON YOUR TEAM! AFTER ALL, WHICH MEANS YOU'LL LOSE POINTS IF I CROSS YOUR GOAL! HA HA!

BUT I'M A TRAVELER TOO, SO I'M REALLY ON YOUR TEAM! I WANT YOU TO CROSS MY GOAL! THE POINTS WILL GO TO YOUR TEAM, WHICH IS REALLY MY TEAM!

THAT WOULD BE TRUE - IF I WERE A FOOTBALL PLAYER!

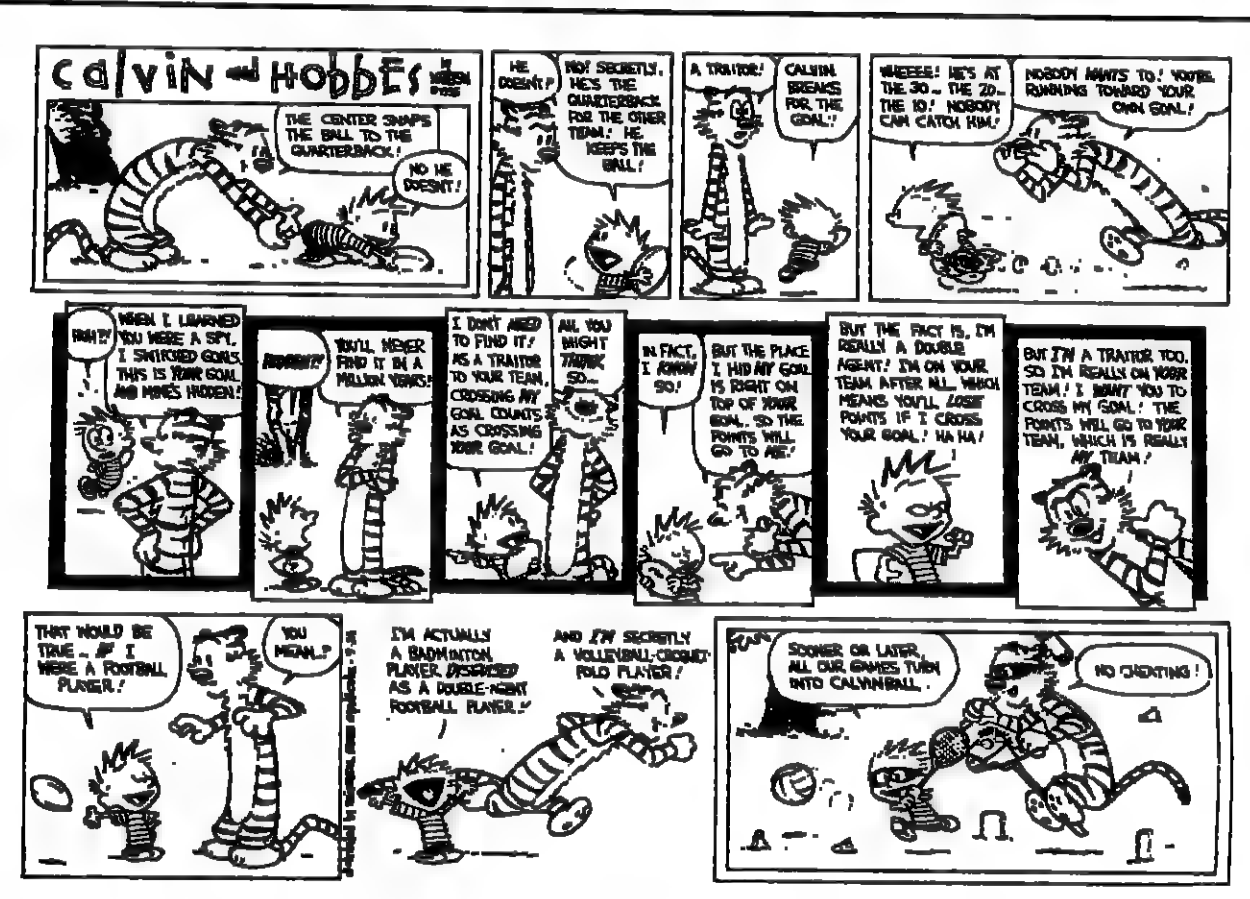
YOU KNOW!

I'M ACTUALLY A BAWLATION PLAYER, DESIGNED AS A DOUBLE-KICK FOOTBALL PLAYER!

AND I'M SECRETLY A VOLUNTARY, DESIGNED FOOTBALL PLAYER!

SOONER OR LATER, ALL OUR GOALS TURN INTO CALVINBALL.

NO CHANTING!

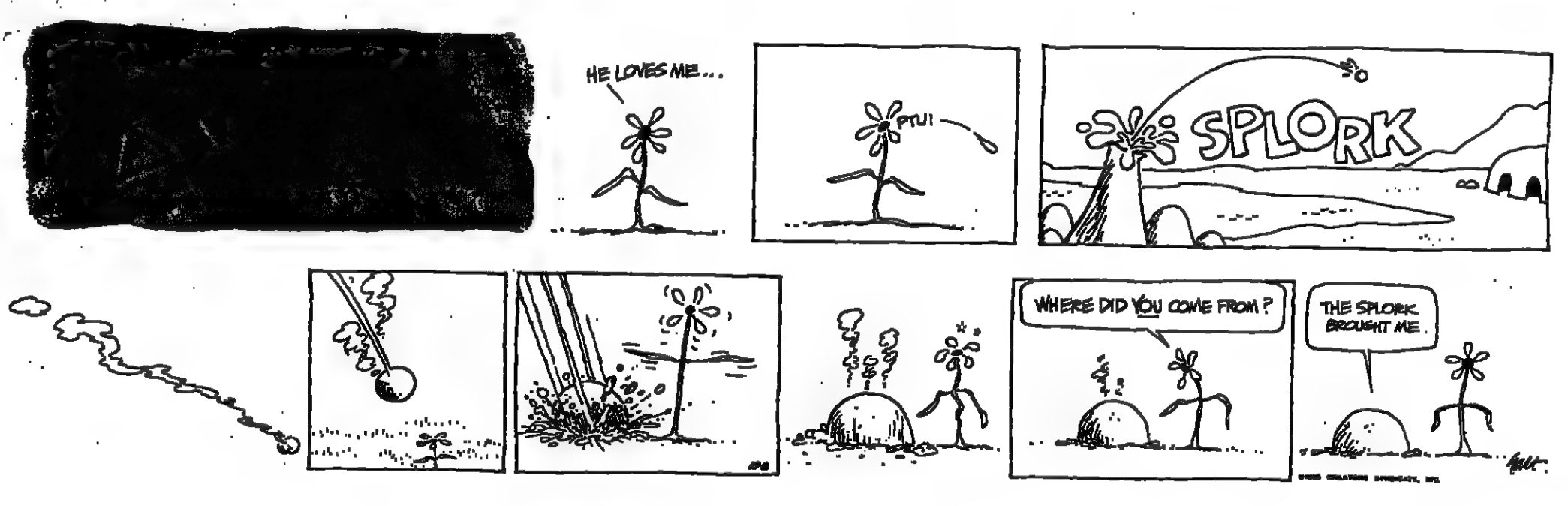


HE LOVES ME...

SPLORK

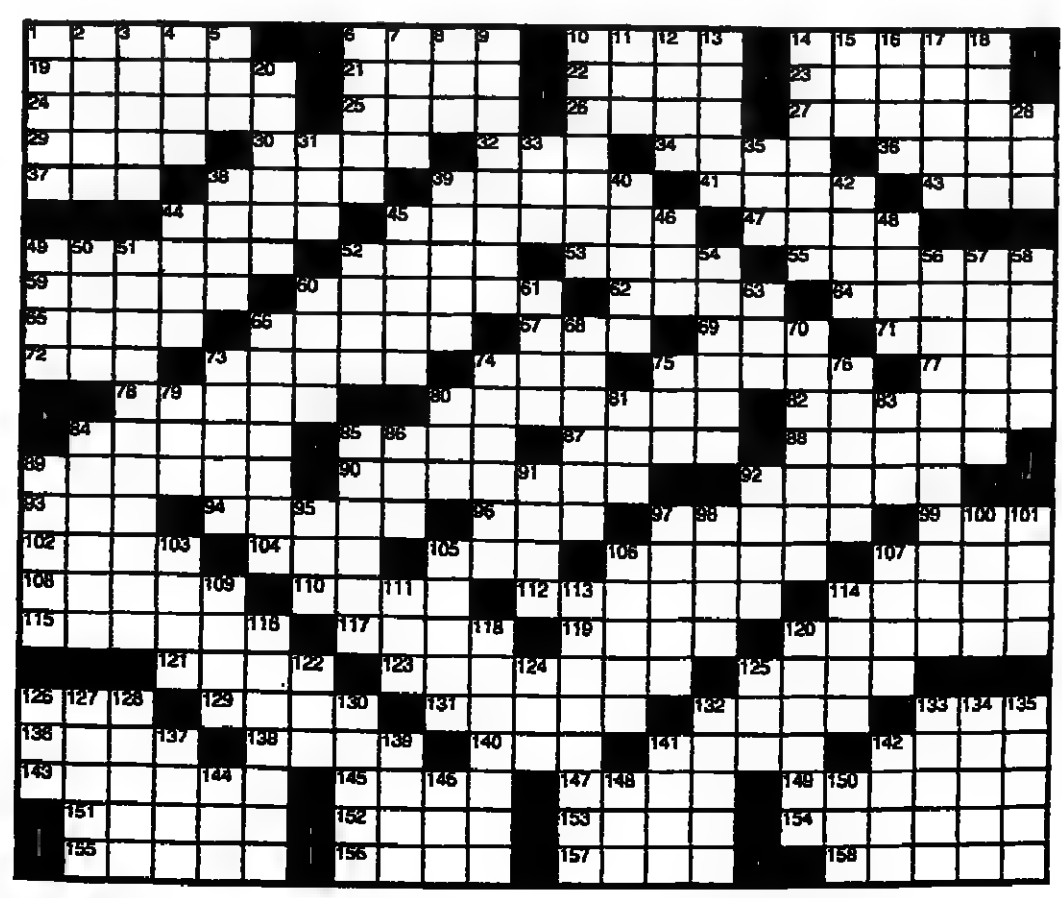
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

THE SPLORK BROUGHT ME.



TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1. "Say"
 - 6. Face card
 - 10. Carpenter's wedge
 - 14. Walked in water
 - 19. Bass
 - 21. Lamb's pen name
 - 22. Actress Hatcher (Cris Lane)
 - 23. "..." at the office
 - 24. Tropical fruit
 - 26. Bank transaction
 - 28. Way out
 - 29. To wet
 - 30. Rame fung
 - 31. Painted swans
 - 32. Golly
 - 34. Disench
 - 36. Flat name in mysticism
 - 37. Williams or Koppel
 - 38. Dinosaur
 - 39. GWTW star
 - 41. Gannett for Antonin Scalia
 - 43. Wise saying
 - 44. Cuda's over
 - 45. Weight-lifter's device
 - 47. Shopping center
 - 48. Wagon
 - 52. Major
 - 53. Cordillera
 - 54. Stars angrily (at)
 - 58. Show evidence of
 - 60. Punctuation mark
 - 62. Hardy heroism
 - 64. Solitary
 - 65. Seaplane
 - 66. Lady of Troy
 - 67. Purpose
 - 69. Golf standard
 - 71. Respiratory organ
 - 72. Poor mark
 - 73. Mitten in symbols
 - 74. Fan info
 - 75. Plan table
 - 77. Teachers' org.
 - 78. Angry
 - 80. Informal group
 - 82. Summer shoe
 - 84. Equine sound
- DOWN**
- 1. Wooden shoe
 - 2. Sisy
 - 3. Dug for ore
 - 4. General Bradley
 - 5. A. A. Bobbsey Inn
 - 6. Gorge
 - 7. Lullaby
 - 8. Intelligence exp.
 - 9. Australian
 - 10. Terry Brasher
 - 11. Once
 - 12. Eye part
 - 13. Bishop's hat
 - 14. Schauder
 - 15. Talkative person
 - 16. Turkish official
 - 17. Cohort of Thir
 - 18. Chance
 - 19. Perry Mason's secretary
 - 20. Recently
 - 21. "Riding" Cole
 - 22. In a delicate manner
 - 23. 114 Ty or Lin J.
 - 24. Cashed
 - 25. Ushin
 - 26. Fit with joy
 - 27. Stoper
 - 28. Shadow of the
 - 29. Wavy and restless
 - 30. Soap ingredient
 - 31. Lounge about
 - 32. Flout
 - 33. "The Bravest"
 - 34. Composer
 - 35. Jack Benny's theme
 - 36. Editor's direction
 - 37. Caught sight of
 - 38. Broken battle site
 - 39. Group of nine
 - 40. Mayfield
 - 41. Footnote
 - 42. Song for two
 - 43. Oingo Chango
 - 44. Most trivial
 - 45. Sound system
 - 46. Breath
 - 47. Rhea Perkin role
 - 48. Madam temple
 - 49. Pin
 - 50. Like a babe in the woods
 - 51. Actor Lewis
 - 52. Audi or Louis
 - 53. Groove
 - 54. Corporate pt.
 - 55. Master
 - 56. Each
 - 57. Ford car
 - 58. Wisconsin
 - 59. Injail city
 - 60. "To - o - o - o - o"
 - 61. Ziegler's love
 - 62. Pod wedge
 - 63. Social division
 - 64. Meme
 - 65. Wire basket
 - 66. Single cell
 - 67. Eve's grandson
 - 68. Attack on all sides
 - 69. Full of energy
 - 70. "La Douce"
 - 71. Cupid
 - 72. Bass
 - 73. "Riding" Cole
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Governor files lawsuit against his own state

BY PETER SCHRAG

When it comes to political acrobatics, who can match California Gov. Pete Wilson? What other governor in American history has filed suit against his own state to abolish programs and practices that he himself supported?

Pete Wilson is not simply the victim of gusting political winds, he is their master. In leaping on passing political trains and exploiting wedge issues, candidate Wilson is a performer of unique skill. Here's a brief guide to his twists and turns:

On affirmative action: Throughout much of this year, Wilson led a fervent attack on quotas and preferences.

Perhaps the ultimate act of political chutzpah came in early August when he sued his own state, challenging the constitutionality of state affirmative action laws, some of which he had himself endorsed as recently as last year. "California's statutes," said the suit, "continue to make distinctions between its citizens in its hiring and contracting practices solely because of their race and ethnicity, despite the absence of any compelling reason to do so."

But through a 30-year political career Wilson had found plenty of compelling reasons to do so: As mayor of San Diego in the 1970s, he backed a string of affirmative action measures, among them a "selective certification" ordinance — essentially a quota system giving preference to women and minorities in city jobs where they were underrepresented. Just last year he signed a bill as governor that broadens the definition of Hispanic in state contract set-asides to include Portuguese Americans. Just last October, a month before his re-election, Wilson responded to a San Jose Mercury News questionnaire by stating that "I have long supported set-asides as a means to assist traditionally underrepresented businesses."

Wilson is hardly alone in his affirmative action flip, an issue on which Democrats like Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, the chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, have had second thoughts, and on which his chief rival, Bob Dole, has undergone a similar transformation. More important, set against the predictable responses of liberals, who managed, for the most part, nothing better than accusations of bigotry and racism, Wilson's cynical "letter" was a model of reasonableness and understanding.

On taxes: When Wilson ran for governor

for the first time in 1990, he wisely eschewed the standard Republican pledge not to raise taxes a non-pledge that proved invaluable when the recession unmasked a decade of deficit rollovers and other fiscal irresponsibilities and left a \$14 billion hole in the state's budget. Wilson and the Democrats who controlled the Legislature split the difference — half in program cuts, half in higher revenues, thus beginning the three-year string of reductions in the state's once-generous welfare, health and higher education programs that Wilson now touts as a model for national deficit reduction. He is now pushing an indefensible 15 percent California tax cut that the deficit ridden state, with some of its major jurisdictions either in, or on the verge of bankruptcy, can't possibly afford. Although Democrats in the State Senate have blocked the legislation, he is now vowing to offer his tax cut as a ballot initiative next November.

On illegal immigration: As with the California anti-affirmative action initiative, Wilson did not create Proposition 187, the California measure passed by the voters last November which denied illegal aliens access to public education and most other social services. But he knew a good issue when he saw it and promptly leaped on board. Until the late 1980s, Wilson had echoed the position of the big California growers who have contributed heavily to his campaigns: the looser the restrictions on the entry of low-wage Mexican farm labor, the better.

In some respects, Wilson's immigration views have followed a familiar California course — demanding open borders when the economy booms, attacking immigrants when things turn sour. But for Wilson it also provided political opportunity. As long as George Bush was in office, the complaints about how much illegal immigrants cost the state were perfunctory and polite; as soon as Clinton replaced him in 1993, Wilson's attacks turned vehement.

Here there is yet a further twist (call it a double inverted twist with full gainer). Wilson, by then only a shadow of his formerly moderate self, made Prop. 187 one of his key campaigns issue last fall. But in private, he is reported to have assured friends that the courts would rule Prop. 187 unconstitutional, ensuring that its more odious provisions would never be enforced. In endorsing it, he said, he was only sending a message.

On abortion: Last year, before there was a presidential candidate named Wilson, the strongly pro-choice governor named Wilson

declared that he would join New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman in a fight to remove anti-abortion language from the Republican platform. This spring, his presidential campaign chairman, Craig Fuller, declared that the abortion plank was "not something (on which) we are going to expend an enormous amount of energy," a statement echoed by campaign manager George Gorton. Wilson's statements this summer on public funding of abortions for poor women compounded these ambiguities. Will all this flipping work again? Most doubt Wilson has much of a chance unless front-runner Dole self-destructs. California, with its deteriorating public services, is in dismal shape, and Wilson, even under the best of circumstances suffers from a lackluster personality. Worse, he was late organizing his campaign and is far behind the leaders in raising funds. All that may sound like familiar talk for a candidate who, over the course of three decades, has lost only one race — a bid for the gubernatorial nomination in 1978 — and who overcame a 30-point deficit in his last election. In his other races for major office — mayor, senator, governor — he's seven for seven. This time, however, he may be counting too much on his wedges and his positioning. His showing in the polls has been awful. Even in California, where he must do well, Clinton leads him 57-38 in trial heats. The other day he withdrew altogether from Iowa, where he seems to have made no impression at all. Even the great acrobats can leap only so far.

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Does juror deserve more than \$5 a day?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Judge Lance Ito's decision to consider having the state pay for the loss of rental income suffered by one juror in the O.J. Simpson case opens a messy can of worms. The California law is clear that jurors may receive only the designated pay — \$5 a day — for their jury service. This piddling amount imposes severe hardship on all jurors, especially wage earners who have to rely on their weekly paycheck to support their families. Many employers do not continue to pay their employees during extended absences due to jury service. Some jurors are self-employed and have no one to fall back on. The state does not make them whole for their losses, which can sometimes be considerable.

If a wage earner or self-employed day worker had come to Judge Ito for relief from his or her economic burdens, it would have been improper for the judge to increase the \$5 a day pay scale. We do not make sliding-scale pay arrangements with individual jurors based on need or lost opportunity costs. They must make do on the \$5, or they may be excused for hardship in exceptional cases.

A female juror who owns rental property did go to Judge Ito to complain about the losses in rental income she is incurring. According to published reports, the losses amounted to \$1,500 per month. Apparently Judge Ito said he would try to help her in three ways:

First, he might send someone from his staff to help with the rentals. Failing that, he would try to get the state to compensate her for the lost income. Alternatively, he hopes that some private benefactor might come forward to help alleviate her economic plight.

But why is this property owner's loss more serious — and more subject to compensation — than the lost wages or other lost income suffered by workers? Does not Judge Ito's "noble gesture" in fact discriminate in favor of property owners and against wage earners? There is no evidence of which I am aware showing that this property owner has greater burdens than other wage-earning jurors in this or other cases. Even if she does, there is simply no basis in law, logic or policy for privileging a property owner over a wage earner.

For the state to compensate one juror more generously than other jurors is to create a two-tier jury system where some jurors are more equal than others.

When other jurors, in the Simpson case and in cases throughout California and elsewhere, learn of the judge's largesse, many of them will make claims for similar treatment. If these requests are granted, it will effect a judicial change in the legislatively mandated pay scale. If they are denied, it will send a dangerous message of judicial preference for a particular juror or for a special class of property-owning jurors.

There are other problems as well. A juror who is having trouble renting her property but who is being made whole by the state while she remains a juror may have a financial incentive to prolong the deliberations. She may also feel economically beholden to the judge and to the state for financing her.

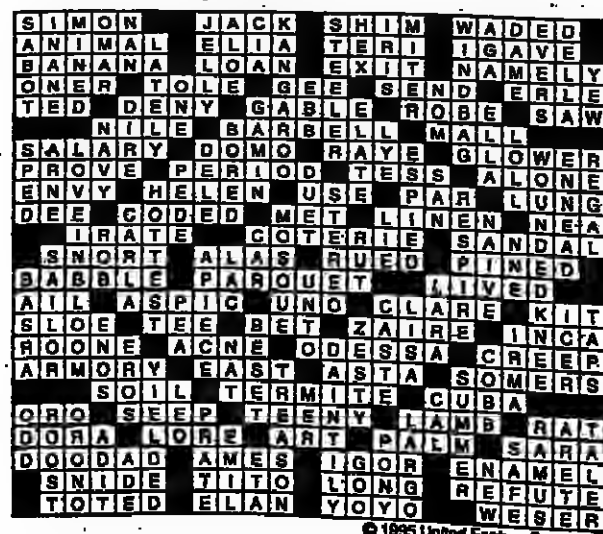
Were a private source of funds accepted, it might even be worse. Who would decide which sources of funds are appropriate and which not? Might the juror believe that since more wealthy than poor people support the prosecution in their case, she had better vote with her benefactor? Indeed, the first source to volunteer financial assistance to the juror was a book publisher, who has exploited the Simpson case for profit. Were he to pay a juror, the implications would be grave indeed, since his view of the case is widely known. The problems are legion.

Most serious is what such an arrangement would do to the concept of jury service by equals. It would send a powerful message that the judiciary prefers property owners to wage earners. It would be a throwback to the old days in which only property owners were deemed qualified to serve on juries. The courts have long recognized the importance to our democratic society of impartial juries drawn from a broad "cross-section" of the entire community and have strongly rejected choosing jurors based on their special social status or class, professional achievement, or financial holdings.

A criminal defendant has the right to a jury on which each juror is deemed equal under the law. For the state to compensate one juror more generously than other jurors is to create a two-tier jury system where some jurors are more equal than others. Such a system would be unfair to the other jurors and to the defendant. It would also violate the applicable statutes, regulations and constitutional provisions. Besides all that, it's just a bad idea.

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Israel pulls off Davis Cup clean sweep against Slovenia

ISRAEL'S Davis Cup team brought in the New Year on a promising note yesterday with a solid 5-0 win over Slovenia in Ramat Hasharon in a Euro/African Zone Group 1 contest.

The tie was essentially decided on Friday after Israel won the doubles rubber and then pocketed the two dead rubbers yesterday to record the first clean sweep of all five matches since beating Hungary 5-0 in 1992.

Although the doubles score depicts a close game, Gilad Bloom and his partner Noam Behr, were hardly extended against the Slovenian duo of Jaka Bozic and newcap Ziga Jancovic, winning 7-5, 7-6(7/5), 6-1.

The match was characterized by two factors: Bloom's experience and Jozic's low percentage serves.

The Slovenians took an early 4-0 lead, capitalizing on Behr's nerves and erratic play, but the hosts quickly retaliated, breaking even and taking the set.

Play in the second set went with serve forcing a tiebreak until the local players, urged on by the 200-odd crowd, prevailed.

With Bloom enjoying his finale in the Davis Cup team and Behr gaining confidence and producing formidable returns, the third set was a morale booster for Israel as the Bloom-

HEATHER CHAIT

Behr team raced to 5-1, allowing their opponents one game and then collected the honors.

Yesterday's reverse singles, the best of three sets, saw Noam Behr back on court, instead of an injured Eyal Ran.

With the element of tension patently out of the tie, Behr, ranked 481 against Izotc Bozic's 400, approached the first set like a practice session, dishing out hefty serves and overwhelming Bozic with his powerful crosscourt backhands.

After Behr took the first set 6-3, his game slipped and Bozic moved into a 4-2 lead. In the eighth game, Behr upped his play and broke serve. In the prolonged tiebreak with the players switching sides three times, Behr managed to squander three match-points before making sure of the game 6-3, 7-6(11/9).

The No. 2 players Eyal Erlich (236) and Borut Urh (709) rounded out the tie with a game dotted by Erlich's moments of brilliance between very mediocre tennis as he was taken to three sets before winning 7-6(7/5), 6-7(6/8), 6-0.

In the first two sets, neither player dominated as the points zigzagged between Urh's

consistent returns and Erlich's superior serves.

Erlich had three match-points in the second set which he failed to convert before Urh took the set.

In the third set, Erlich looked to be alone on court, charging the net on every opportunity and putting his huge volleys safely away in the far corners. In under 30 minutes, he had put Israel up 5-0.

Putting the result in perspective, Israel's captain Shlomo Glickstein said, "This was not a fantastic win, but it was important for the team and for the players' confidence and experience in Davis Cup ties."

In Davis Cup World Group action yesterday, the US took a 2-0 lead over Sweden in the semifinals. Pete Sampras defeated Thomas Enqvist 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; and Andre Agassi beat Mats Wilander 7-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Germany is up 2-1 against Russia. Boris Becker stopped Andre Chesnokov, Russia, 6-7(4/7), 6-3, 7-6(7/3). 7-5 and Michael Stich defeated Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In the doubles, Kafelnikov and Andre Olhovskiy beat Becker and Stich 7-6(7/3), 6-4, 6-2, 6-7(7/5), 7-5.

Also, it was Belgium 3, Norway 0.

Maccabi TA whipped in Toto Cup action, 5-0

DEREK FATTAL

HAPOEL Haifa handed out a record 5-0 hiding to National League highflyer Maccabi Tel Aviv in the weekend's fourth-round Toto Cup meeting between the two clubs on Friday.

The victory was the highest ever handed out by Hapoel to Maccabi Tel Aviv and followed news of the end of the Air UK affair to provide the reds with a pleasing end to the year.

The Tel Avivians fielded a second string line-up for the Group 1 game. Amir Turjeman, Ofer Tulker, Liron Basis and Hisham Zuabi (two goals) netted for Haifa. The defeat came as group leader Ironi Rishon Lezion sealed a workmanlike performance against Hapoel Petah Tikva with a 2-0 victory with goals from Vasilev Melnikov and Nisan Kepeta to maintain a 100 percent record in the group. The win virtually assures Rishon of a place in the next phase of the competition.

Maccabi Haifa became the only other side to extend its record to four straight wins with an enthusiastic 4-1 success away to Maccabi Herzliya to lead group 2.

Yuvai Ohana gave the hosts a 1-0 lead, but the Haifaies fought back to overwhelm the seashores

Nou Camp stadium later this week in the return leg of its UEFA Cup encounter nursing a 7-0 deficit. In other Group 3 action, Beitar Tel Aviv overcame Zefirion Holon 3-2. Yaniv Aberjil's second goal of the game gave the Holonis victory.

Hapoel Kfar Sava remained at the head of Group 4 with a 3-1 win over Hapoel Tel Aviv. Kobi Refuah struck twice for the Sharon side. Beit She'an slammed four goals past visiting Maccabi Petah Tikva to stay a point behind the group leader.

This week's winning Totoline: 1,1,2,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,1

Hapoel Haifa in the clear

ENGLISH legal authorities have dropped all charges against Hapoel Haifa coach Avraham Grant and international players Tal Banin and Reuven Atar according to a letter received by the club's attorney on Friday.

The charges, relating to misbehavior on an Air UK flight from Germany to Stansted Airport earlier this summer were contested by Grant and his colleagues who maintained their innocence at all times during the police investigation and pleaded not guilty when the charges were laid against them at Saffron Walden Magistrates' Court.

The withdrawal of the charges could open the way for a civil claim for damages against the British air carrier. **DK**

Friedman runner-up in European windsurfing

HEATHER CHAIT

GAL Friedman finished second in the European Windsurfing Championships in England yesterday. Amit Isbar finished fourth.

Friedman, 20, ended his four races in fourth, second, seventh and 10th places, earning 28½ negative points against Isbar's 38 from his seventh, seventh, fourth and 15th positions.

Although both windsurfers have now passed the Olympic criterion, the sole representative for Atlanta will be chosen after the World Championships in South Africa in December.

Amir Levinson and Michael Klein both ended the competition in 31st place.

US up 7-6 in Ryder Cup

ROCHESTER, NY (AP) — The United States' Brad Faxon and Fred Couples beat Sam Torrance and Colin Montgomerie of Europe 4 and 2 in the four-balls competition to take a 7-6 Ryder Cup lead yesterday.

The Americans' win broke a three-match win streak by the Europeans, whose alternate-shot victories had pulled them even earlier in the day.

Trailing 5-3 after Friday's opening round at Oak Hill Country Club, the Europeans finally got a point from Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie and rode the emotional surge of a hole-in-one by Costantino Rocca to even the score 6-6.

"We had a good talking to by our captain last night and we came out strong," Sam Torrance said, after teaming with Rocca to defeat Davis Love III and Jeff Maggert 6 and 5.

Bernhard Langer and David Gilford beat Corey Pavin and

Tom Lehman 4 and 3, while Faldo and Montgomerie defeated Curtis Strange and Jay Haas 4 and 2.

The US team would have trailed going into yesterday afternoon's better-ball matches if not for Loren Roberts and Peter Jacobson. They rallied to defeat Ian Woosnam and Philip Walton 1-up, holding on with a dramatic 65-yard wedgeshot by Roberts to 2 feet on the last hole.

It was cold and crisp when play started at 8 a.m. yesterday, the rain-filled clouds of the opening round gone, puffs of breath hanging in the air as Faldo and Montgomerie led their team out against Strange and Haas.

If the Europeans were to have any hope, they needed their best pairing to get off to a good start yesterday.

Faldo and Montgomerie did exactly that, winning No. 1 with a par after Strange drove into the left rough. They went 2-up at No.

4 where Faldo hit a remarkable approach shot at the par-5 after Montgomerie hit a tree with his second shot, leaving it 200 yards from the green.

Faldo hit it to 8 feet and Montgomerie made the putt.

As that opening match reached the seventh tee, the scoreboard showed that Europe was leading in all four matches. As if to punctuate the severity of the situation for the US, an enormous roar broke out behind them as the crowd watched Rocca make a hole-in-one.

Europe got the first point of the day when Torrance rolled in a big, curling 15-foot birdie putt at No. 13 to close out Love and Maggert. Rocca grabbed the beaming Scotsman in a giant bear hug and banged him on both shoulders with his fists in celebration.

Soon after, Faldo and Montgomerie won, followed by Langer's and Gilford's victories.

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BATMAN FOREVER - If you saw the two previous Batman films, the first thing you're likely to notice about this sequel is its shocking shift in color. Gone are the velvety blacks and purples of Tim Burton's Gotham. Director Joel Schumacher's city is awash in neon green. Not only is the color ugly, it's confusing. In a plot that's as crowded as a subway at rush hour, Carrey plays the Riddler, Val Kilmer does a turn as Batman, Tommy Lee Jones is Harvey Two-Face, Nicole Kidman plays a sexy shrink and Chris O'Donnell appears as Robin. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

CARRINGTON - In Christopher Hampton's biographical film, the painter Dora Carrington (Emma Thompson) appears as a radiant, tortured creature who draws men to her as flies to cream. That is, she draws to her all men but the single man to whom she is utterly devoted and for whom she bears, in her own words, "one of the most self-abasing loves that a person can have." Lytton Strachey (Jonathan Pryce) is that man. Frail, eloquent, narcissistic, 15 years her senior, and gay, the author of *Eminent Victorians* is



Val Kilmer plays the black-cloaked hero himself in a plot that's as crowded as a subway at rush hour in 'Batman.'

not exactly Carrington's type. She's smitten with him nonetheless and he develops an affection for her, after his own eccentric fashion. The best thing about Hampton's movie is its steady refusal to simplify this bizarre and at times humiliating alliance. That thoroughly modern mystery - of how a ferociously independent young woman, so vital and free-thinking in all other respects, can prostrate herself before a man who clearly does not desire her - is one Hampton doesn't presume to explain, although he does extend real empathy to Carrington in her anguish. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

DON JUAN DEMARCO - Once upon a time, as Stanley Kowalski and the rest of his pantheon of screen studs, Marlon Brando was potent, demanding, primitive, conceited, lewd and altogether magnificent. The sum total of every stereotypically self-aggrandizing male attribute, he was the Ur-guy and, in his own mind at least, without a doubt the world's greatest lover. Now, in Jeremy Leven's *Don Juan Demarco*, the assumption of that title becomes the source of a marvelous and oddly poignant joke. This time around, Brando observes while Johnny Depp takes a turn as Don Juan, or as a young star who thinks he's Don Juan. Confronted with Depp/Don Juan's easy poise, his swagger and fresh bravado, Brando looks envious, as well as nostalgic, admiring, and almost proud, as if he himself had given birth to this dashing gigolo. And in a way he has. Depp isn't nearly as awesome as Brando once was, but he does have presence, some of which he seems to have learned from the older actor, and presence - that ineffable dust stuff of which movie stars and legendary lovers are made - lies at the bright red heart of this film. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

FRENCH KISS - Meg Ryan may have the clearest eyes in Hollywood, and their semi-precious, all-American blue manages to turn the fairy-tale outline of Lawrence Kasdan's film into a fanciful possibility. If we have doubts about the movie's plausibility, the actress matches them one for one. With her strawberry

lip gloss and mused elfin hairdo, she looks like she can't quite believe that this far-fung scenario is unfolding around her. She keeps blinking extra hard to be sure. All of which is to say that Ryan brings *French Kiss* the slaphappy charm that's been missing from the season's other romantic comedies. Kevin Kline co-stars, as a slippery French con man. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

PRIEST - It's hardly surprising that this film agitated various bishops and senators when it was released in the US last Easter. But it is a shame that those who objected to this BBC production solely on the basis of its ostensible subject matter - the private and public anguish of a gay Roman Catholic priest - overlooked the fact that the movie, directed by Antonia Bird from a script by Jimmy McGovern, is also overflowing with old-fashioned, Christian belief in sin, temptation, grace, God's love and forgiveness. *Priest* is not a great film: it's workmanlike in places and sentimentally excessive in others. It takes on too many enormous themes and is perhaps a bit simpleminded in its basic design. But it has a sense of humor and it is genuine, two qualities which, if nothing else, surely rate a viewing. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

SMOKE - Although it's 85 years-old and terribly British, E.M. Forster's social and story-telling exhortation to "only connect..." fits Smoke to an eerie T. Set in and around a cigar store in Brooklyn, circa 1990, the film - an engrossing collaboration between novelist Paul Auster and director Wayne Wang - is divided into five chapter-like episodes. It teems with characters whose lives sometimes intertwine and sometimes don't, but whose concerns (missing fathers, repayment of debts, the relativity of innocence and guilt) have a funny way of reinforcing the lives of the people all around. The fractured storyline follows naturally from Auster's fascination with the modern city, the neighborhood as it goes to seed. There, like nowhere else, familiarity and alienation, tragic accidents and fortuitous meetings follow one another in unpredictable succession. With fine performances by William Hurt, Harvey Keitel, Forrest Whitaker and Stockard Channing. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

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TUESDAY CHANNEL 1

ARABIC PROGRAMS
10:00 Cartoons
10:25 Samira's Kitchen 10:55 Support Your Local Sheriff! (1989) - Parody of Western movies. Starring: James Garner, Joan Hackett, Walter Brennan. Directed by Burt Kennedy (93 min) 12:25 The Desert and the Negev - documentary 13:20 Goddess of the Masses (1967, Arabic) - Love story between a wealthy and famous actress and an impoverished beginning actor. 16:05 Hidden Camera 16:25 Happiness Pension 17:00 News in English 17:10 Matzab - Law of the Desert (part 2) 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Sephardic program for Rosh Hashana 20:00 News 20:10 This is Your Life - with Shmuel Machrowsky (part 2) 21:30 G.B.H. - British drama series 22:30 Witness (1995) - An Amish child is the only witness to the murder of a police officer. The detective handling the case comes to their village to prosecute child and mother - and becomes a participant in this plot, personal 19th-century culture existing in the midst of modern America. Starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis. Directed by Peter Weir (108 min) 00:20 News 00:25 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

8:00 Disney Time 9:00 Fuzzbucket 9:50 Yalish - children's musical, with Uri Hittman and his son Yovav visiting the circus. 11:00 Tones from the Concert Hall 12:00 The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra - The Tower of Babylon, a work by Shlomo Gronich; Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto ("Empire") 13:05 Adventures in Babysitting (1987) - thriller (rpt) 16:10 Nadia (1987) - Local film about a 16-year-old Israeli-Arab girl who, in order to fulfill her dream of going to medical school, goes to study at a Jewish high school. Gradually she begins to break down her classmates' prejudices, until a terrorist attack in a nearby town upsets everything. With Hannah Azula-Stari, (87 min) 17:00 News 17:05 Ron Kiki - Performance - ventriloquist and stand-up comedy 17:35 Ringling Brothers Circus 18:30 Second Chance - dramatic series 19:25 Lingo 20:00 News 20:10 Comedy Stars 20:45 Lingo in New York (1979) - Israeli film, Lingo (Yehuda Barkan) goes to visit his grandson in New York (85 min) 22:30 Shlomo Gronich - The Man of Many Notes - documentary 23:00 News 23:05 News Headlines 23:15 News 23:20 News Headlines 23:30 News Headlines 23:40 News Headlines 23:50 News Headlines 24:00 News Headlines

JORDAN TV

13:00 Captain Planet - cartoon 13:30 Mentis - science fiction 14:00 Mountain Men 15:00 Families 16:00 French 16:30 News 16:35 News Headlines 16:55 You Bet Your Life 18:00 The Piglet Files - comedy 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:15 True Blue - drama 21:00 News in English 21:25 The Winds - drama 21:30 News Headlines 21:45 Undercover 22:00 Gaudy Under Fire - comedy 22:30 Varieties

MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 700 Club 13:50 Wolf of the Seven Seas - A writer is taken aboard a whaling vessel and confronts the tyranny of the captain. Starring Chuck Connors and Robert Stack (89 min) 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 16:20 Inspector Gadget 16:45 Flying House 17:10 Father Dowling 18:10 Magnum P.I. 19:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 19:30 CNN Headline News 20:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 20:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:20 Earth 22:10 700 Club 23:00 Special Program

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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Israeli movie: Evriksa (1987) - Ephraim Kishon comedy 9:45 Friends 10:10 Seinfeld 10:35 Married with Children 11:05 Mad About You 11:30 Minutemen: A Family of Nine 11:35 Israeli movie: The Plumber (1987) - satirical comedy starring Tuvia Tzafir 16:05 Betty Ben Bassat 17:05 Israeli film of the year 1984 Israeli movie: Not For Broadcast (1981) - drama about a radio producer who leaves his wife and family after having a series of affairs 20:00 Calisto 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 Trapped and Deceived (1984) - psychological drama 18:25 Jenny Garth 22:30 Seinfeld 23:50 ENG 00:40 Law and Order 1:30 Dangerous Curves

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

8:45 Perry Mason: Murdered Madam (1988) - (rpt) 9:20 What's New at the Movies 9:35 Never Never Land (1980) - (rpt) 10:00 Father, Son and Mistress (1952) - (rpt) 11:30 The Disorderly Orderly (1984) - (rpt) 13:00 What's New at the Movies 13:15 Sweet Dreams (1988) - (rpt) 15:10 The Summer My Father Grew Up (1981) - (rpt) 16:45 The Pope Must Die (1981) - (rpt) 18:25 Sales (1988) (94 min) - (rpt) 20:10 Fortune Hunter 21:00 Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) - Two LA police officers hit the streets - again - fighting big-time drug dealers. Starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Joe Pesci. Directed by Richard Donner (112 min) 22:55 Eve of Destruction (1981) - (rpt) 00:35 Best of Justice (1983) - (rpt) 2:05 Heart Seller (1987) - (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Cartoons 8:55 Little Monsters 9:00 Casper and Friends 9:30 The Chipmunks 10:00 Moo Family 10:25 Supertrails 11:00 Classic Tales 12:00 Movie: Twice Upon a Time 13:30 Mission: Earth 14:30 Mission: Earth and Silence (part 2) 15:00 Weekend Stories 16:30 Secret of the Disappearing Garden 17:00 Classic Tales 18:00 Movie: Spirit of '76 (1991) 19:30 The City Company 20:00 Hennessey with Children 20:30 Perfect Strangers 20:35 Step by Step 21:20 Cheers 21:45 Clips

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Fall of the Roman Empire (1964) - Marcus Aurelius is poisoned by his own son, who lets the empire crumble. Starring Alec Guinness, Christopher Plummer and Sophia Loren. Directed by Anthony Mann (172 min) 00:55 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) - Romantic comedy starring Marilyn Monroe and Laurence Olivier. Directed by Laurence Olivier (111 min)

DISCOVERY (8)

Crossing the Line 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Voyage to the Other Planets 21:00 Prophecy 23:00 The Big Wet 00:00 Marathon Monks

ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Sage of the Ages 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors' Talk (rpt) 20:00 Mabot 20:30 Cinema 3 - Israeli cinema 21:30 Man of Iron (1977, Polish) - see today's highlights

ETV 2 (23) - no holiday broadcasts

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 FT Report 6:15 Wall Street 6:30 NBC News 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Steals and Deals 8:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Usuals 20:30 The Selling Scott Show 21:30 Russia Now 22:00 Europa 23:00 22:30 ITN News 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Major League Baseball 1:00 FT Business Tonight 1:30 NBC News

STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivan 6:30 World Cuisine 7:00 Entertainment Tonight 7:30 Don-shue 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Sinners 11:30 World Cuisine 12:00 Aerobics 12:30 The Sullivan 13:00 Small Wonder 13:30 Star Trek 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 Flying Doctors 17:30 The Extraordinary 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 Baywatch 21:30 Missiles of Science 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivan

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7:00 - 8:30 Bodies in motion 10:00 Spanish league soccer 11:00 Boxing 12:00 Brazilian league soccer 13:30 Artistic gymnastics 15:30 Soccer 16:30 Amazing games 17:20 Premier league soccer 18:15 Cars and drivers 19:00 Artistic gymnastics 21:00 Boxing 22:00 Argentinean league soccer 23:30 National league basketball

EUROSPORT

9:30 Olympic games 10:30 Ryder Cup golf 12:30 Eurogolf 13:30 Brazilian league soccer 14:30 Speed world 15:30 Street basketball 16:00 Live cycling from Colombia 18:15 Eurogolf 20:15 Eurosport news 20:30 Motorcycling 21:00 Live cycling from Colombia 00:30 Soccer 2:00 Chess 2:30 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

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